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SOUTH CHINA BATTLE ENTERS VITAL PHASE

Reds Seeking To Cut Chekiang Railway ADVANCE ON HANGCHOW

Shanghai, April 29.

A second phase of the campaign for South China was reported to be opening today with Shanghai's threatened population of 6,000,000 anxious spectators on the sidelines.

The two Communist columns that stabbed through China's political and commercial nerve centre were officially reported today to be driving South and South East on the new Nationalist defence line.

The line runs from Ningpo on the coast through Hangchow and a mountainous region in Chekiang Province to Nanchang, in Kiangsi province. Skirting the Western banks of Lake Taihu, the Communist forces that had crossed the Yangtze River a week ago from the West of Nanking, were today reported in a district not more than 25 miles North of Hangchow, the central pivot of the Nationalist defence.

Nationalist troops in strong defence positions were ready to give battle to the Communist spearheads.

Another Communist column was driving South from Soochow on the strategic road and railway junction at Kashiung. It was reported to have employed great ingenuity to circumvent the Nationalist stronghold at Wukiang by embarking on Taihu Lake in boats and landing further South.

Weiting Taken

On the Eastern flank of this Communist operation, another spearhead was moving East in the direction of Shanghai. It was officially reported to have reached Weiting, 35 miles from China's biggest metropolis and fourth city of the world.

In addition to threats to Hangchow and Shanghai, the Communist thrust at the central sector of the Nationalist defence line between Hangchow and Nanchang appeared to be making rapid progress, according to all available reports.

Three armies under Communist general Chen Kang, who last week crossed the Yangtze South of Nanking, have pushed about 100 miles across Southern Anhwei province in mountainous country.

Chinese Reds Take Paoshan

Rangoon, April 28. The Burma Army Radio reported today that 2,000 Chinese Communists had captured Paoshan, about 160 kilometres from the Burmese border, cutting the famous Burma Road to China. The broadcast said that Wangling, an important Chinese Customs outpost on the Burma border, had been isolated from Paoshan.—Reuter.

which forms a natural barrier for Nationalist-held Hangchow and Nanchang railway line.

If the Communist drive continues in its present speed according to military observers the Nationalist escape route from Hangchow to Canton may be cut.

Observers think that this would compel the Nationalist forces in the Hangchow area to fall back on Ningpo which could be held as a bridgehead with naval and air support from the Nationalist fortress at Tainan.

Telephone reports from Hangchow said Nationalist troops already were fleeing South along the river and no major battle against the Communists is anticipated at either Hangchow or Kashiung.

Shanghai Enigma

The Shanghai enigma in the present military campaign is a popular subject of discussion in every quarter of China's largest city today. Whether the Communists will bypass the financial capital or intend to take it as a mopping-up operation in the near future is still anybody's guess.

BRITAIN WANTS TO BE FRIENDLY

London, April 29.

Britain is going to establish friendly relations with the Chinese Communist government, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He said such contact with the Chinese Communists will not affect Britain's present relations with the Nationalist Government, although the Foreign Office in London does not know where the Kuomintang is at the moment.

He was asked by a reporter at a daily news conference whether Britain thought "the Chinese Nationalist Government has for all practical purposes ceased to exist."

To this he replied: "I would make no pronouncement on that question."

Diplomatic observers, meanwhile, speculated that his statements suggest Britain may soon give de facto recognition to Mao Tse-tung's Communist government as the only effective authority in most of troubled China.—Associated Press.

More Chinese As Unofficials

Mr. Landale's proposal for a reconstituted legislature with an unofficial majority was endorsed by Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, at its committee meeting yesterday.

Addressing members of the committee, Mr. Ko said the proposal for wider unofficial representation on the Legislative Council was welcomed by the Chinese mercantile community, but he insisted that the majority of the unofficials should be Chinese by reason of their preponderance in number.

He disagreed with Mr. Landale's suggestion that only persons of British nationality should be qualified to vote. A good many of the Chinese residents of the Colony are not British subjects, he said, though they may have business or other interests here for generations, and since they are the principal taxpayers, there is no reason why they should be excluded from the electorate.

Any bona fide resident of Hong Kong, irrespective of nationality, should be entitled to vote, Mr. Ko said.

Dealing with the scrapping of the proposed Municipal Council, Mr. Ko suggested that in its place there should be set up an advisory council, composed of representatives of all sections of the community, both business and labour. Its main function is to advise the Legislative Council members on the needs of the community. Such a body, maintained Mr. Ko, should be maintained between the people and the representatives on the Legislative Council.

Both Mr. Landale's proposal and Mr. Ko's suggestions were referred to a sub-committee for consideration, and members were invited to send in their views on the matter.

The considered views of the Chamber on constitutional reform will, in due course, be submitted to Government.

Thousands At Quezon Funeral

Manila, April 29.

An estimated 100,000 today lined the three-mile route from Santo Tomas to the cemetery for the Quezon State funeral in which President Quirino broke official tradition by serving as pallbearer for a private citizen.

After a 20-minute solemn ritual at the Holy Rosary Church where thousands were forced to stand at the university grounds outside, the procession moved slowly up Rizal Avenue and other main streets. It took two hours to reach the cemetery.

The roads leading to the cemetery were jammed for hours ahead. Several prominent Americans attended and General MacArthur sent Major Michael Rivas as his personal representative.

Monseñor Rufino Santos, Bishop of Manila, conducted the service at dusk. Mrs. Quezon's coffin, draped with the Philippine flag, was placed in the mausoleum next to her husband's. Her daughter and son-in-law were buried nearby.

President Quirino wept as the Malacanang band played "Nearer My God To Thee."—United Press.

REDS WARN BRITAIN NOT TO INTERFERE

Shanghai, April 29.

The Communist Peiping radio last night warned Great Britain not to interfere in China's civil war. The radio said the British "will meet a heavy rebuff from the Chinese people if they continue to infringe on China's sovereign rights."

Issued by "16 leading people's organisations in China," the statement accused Britain of sending warships to "a defence area of the people's liberation army" and killing 252 Red soldiers. It referred to Amethyst incident of last week when four British ships were shelled by Communist artillery.

The radio warned: "If the British dare to continue such hostile acts against the Chinese people and infringe on China's sovereign rights, they will encounter a resolute and just rebuff from the Chinese people and meet with a disastrous defeat."

This Chinese Communist warning to Britain coupled with Red boasts of defeating British gunboats in the Yangtze, caused speculation here that the Reds may intend to reopen the Hong Kong question again.

The belligerent tone adopted by the Communists in their reprimand to Britain for firing on the Communists on the Yangtze River banks and their blunt warning to keep out of the war were about the strongest ever taken by any responsible Chinese faction toward Britain.

On To Hong Kong?

Some even think the Reds, when they get their military steamroller rolling South toward Canton as everyone expects them to do, they might let it roll on over to Hong Kong. Whether the British were motivated by any such fear when they ordered heavy naval units, including aircraft carriers, into Far East waters, is conjectural, but the British have made it clear several times since the end of the Japanese war that they do not intend to give up Hong Kong.

Hong Kong itself was ceded to Great Britain in perpetuity in the treaty of Nanking of 1842 as a naval and commercial base. In 1894 the Kowloon, the mainland area between the bay from Hong Kong, was leased to Britain for 99 years. Britain wanted this area for defences of Hong Kong.

In the post-war surge of nationalism in China Hong Kong has been subject to frenzied Chinese patriots, students and political organisations feel Hong Kong and Kowloon should be returned to China. But Chinese traders and business elements are not so eager for Chinese domination over these last outposts of

sound currency, firm business regulation and free trade in view of what has happened commercially to old treaty ports like Shanghai.

The Communists, always emphasising China's fight against "imperialism," think the British colony should be ceded back to China, but the Reds have never been particularly vociferous about it.

With China torn by war and inflation, Hong Kong with its foreign control, stable money, fixed trade practices and free port has reaped a post-war hat-trick in trade and commerce while the old treaty ports like Shanghai, Amoy, Tientsin and Tientsin have gone to seed.

If the opinion of Britons in the Far East is reflection of British opinion at home, John Bull will not give up Hong Kong and Kowloon without a fight.—Associated Press.

British Barges Move In Berlin

Berlin, April 29.

British barge traffic began moving normally through Berlin's waterways at 7 a.m. today under guard of armed British soldiers who seized three canal locks yesterday and scared off Russian interference.

The Russian guards ousted by the British yesterday failed to return when traffic started moving this morning. The British authorities, however, said they expected the Russians to return during the day.

The British authorities said the next step in the barge traffic dispute was up to the Russians now that traffic is moving normally again after two days' attempted Russian interference.

British troops who took over three locks yesterday remained on guard all night, backed up by two armoured cars and other reinforcements held in readiness for any emergency.—United Press.

What Will Happen To Shanghai

Passengers arriving here by air from Shanghai yesterday expressed widely divergent opinions as to what is going to happen to the city and when. Guesses for the city's days ranged from 48 hours to a month.

A Pan American crew member told the "China Mail" that his company expected to fly out its personnel in a day or two. He expressed the belief that the Lungwa airfield would soon be made unsafe to use by the advancing Communists, if it did not actually fall in that time.

"The military regulations are so strict that most of us live on the field," he said. "If you travel from Lungwa to the city, you have to produce all kinds of passes and certificates at road-blocks along the way."

A Standard Oil representative moving from Shanghai to Canton, opined that Shanghai would be left alone until the Communists were certain that they could control and administer it properly.

"I don't think the Communists want to duplicate the Tientsin situation," the observer declared. "They seemed to have experienced a good deal of difficulty in feeding all the people there."

Most of the Standard Oil Company's personnel are remaining in Shanghai.

A Chinese View

A Chinese businessman who arrived by CNAC plane was inclined to agree that the city would hold out for three weeks to a month, he said.

All of the passengers interviewed by the "China Mail" described Shanghai as quiet and orderly yesterday. However, a good deal of the growing tension and uneasiness of the city, along with martial law

Many Elect To Stay Put In Shanghai

Shanghai, April 29.

Except for Americans and White Russians the majority of other foreign communities are staying put in Shanghai, come what may.

While the United States authorities are handling the evacuation of several hundred Americans the local office of the International Refugee Association has received authorisation from Geneva to send 400 White Russian displaced persons to the Philippine island of Samar.

About 5,000 stateless Russians are still in Shanghai but to evacuate all of them further orders must come from Geneva via the I.R.O. here said today.

So far 124 Americans have left the city on navy ships and 60 aboard the President Wilson since the issuance of a new evacuation notice by the American Consulate.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy announced in Washington today that three landing craft with a capacity for carrying 1,800 persons were waiting at Shanghai to evacuate American citizens who wanted to leave.

After evacuating Americans the landing craft will join the Hospital ship, Repose, which has 150 persons aboard, and other naval ships now at Woosung.

Thus far only 90 Britons out of 150 who applied to leave Shanghai by the Dutch steamer Bolo have been allowed to pass.

90 Britons

The spokesman of the Philippine Consulate revealed that the Philippines have applied for evacuation while the Portuguese Consulate-General said that no instructions had been received from the Home Government regarding the evacuation of the 4,000-strong community most of whom were born here and regard Shanghai as their home.

The Indian Consul also said that no evacuation of members of his community had taken place.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, told the Parliament in Ottawa today that the Canadian Ambassador in China, Mr. T. C. Davis, had been instructed to make decisions regarding the welfare of Canadians in China without waiting for instructions from Ottawa.

The American Consulate General announced today it had closed its books on the official aided exodus of Americans from Shanghai, leaving about 2,000 Americans still remaining here to face the threatened Communist entry.

Meanwhile, about 1,500 British, 1,000 French and 700 Italians are planning to remain in Shanghai. This is in addition to about 2,000 foreigners of various other nationalities.



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Oaths And Curses Heard Over BBC

London, April 29.

Britons tuned to the staid BBC were shocked to hear oaths and curses suddenly come hurtling out of the ether last night.

The occasion? A broadcast of the first dinner of the Royal Academy since the war—an event expected to be as staid as a temperance tea.

But the diners got involved in an argument on modern art. Retiring President Sir Alfred Munnings, 80, said modern painters were dabblers who "cannot paint a tree to look like a tree." He went on to make slighting cracks about French modernists Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse. Outraged supporters of the modern painters shouted, banged

on tables and yelled language which is banned from the air all over the world.

The BBC said later some 40 listeners called to protest but 14 others said they were delighted.

Sir Alfred, to emphasise his distaste for Picasso, told of walking one day with Mr. Churchill. "Mr. Churchill said to me 'Ah, Fred, if we saw Picasso coming down this street, towards us, would you join me in kicking him a certain part of him?'"

"—By God—Winston."

—Associated Press.

ECA Moves To Canton

The Economic Co-operation Administration are transferring their Headquarters from Shanghai to Canton.

Twenty of their personnel are already in Canton. The remaining ones including 37 Americans and 27 Chinese are expected today in Hong Kong on a US destroyer escort.

Their mission is to coordinate the relief work in the Faisan tonight for Canton.

CHINESE ADMIRAL COMING TO HK

Canton, April 29. Vice-Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak, Deputy Director of the Canton Pacific Headquarters, left for Hong Kong yesterday reportedly to seek closer co-operation between Hong Kong and Canton on matters of common interest.

Admiral Chan was in Hong Kong just before Pearl Harbour and assisted in the defence of the British colony.—AP.

THE WEATHER

At 6000 FT. (18,000 FT.) an anticyclone centred over Korea is moving E. It is followed by a trough connecting Japan over B. China and N. Manchuria.

Forecast: Light S.W. winds. Fair or fine and warm.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 81.2 deg. Fah. Minimum: 63.5 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 5.5 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—224.3 mm.—8.82 ins. as against an average of 230.0 mm.—9.05 ins.

Wind: at 10 a.m. 1011.9, 1009.2 m.b. Humidity: 71 % 71 % Dew Point: 70 71 deg. F. Wind Direction: S.W. 8 Wind Force: 11 11 knots Time: 8 hours High: 1044 1.0 Low: 1034 2.0 Low: 1034 2.0 Low: 1034 2.0

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Church Service For Naval Dead

An impressive service in memory of those who recently lost their lives in the Yangtze River was held at St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning.

Leading the capacity congregation of civilians and officers and other ranks of representative units of the Army, Air Force and Navy, were His Excellency, Sir Alexander Grantham, Lady Grantham, Major-General F. R. G. Matthews, Lady Matthews and Commodore C. L. Robertson.

To the strains of music from the band of The Buffs, the service began with the singing of the National Anthem.

This was followed by the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," a reading of Scripture, and the congregation saying Psalm 116.

The Scripture lesson, taken from Revelations Chapter 21, Verses 1-7, was read by the Commodore.

In a short address, the Dean, the Reverend A. P. Rose said: "We are here to remember before God the officers and men of the Royal Navy who lost their lives in the recent shelling of His Majesty's ships on the Yangtze. This is not an occasion for comment but for prayer. It is an occasion which is fittingly marked by coming in prayer to God, the Ruler of the Universe, the Judge of all men and the lover of men's souls."

"As we pray, we shall remember that this life is but a preparation and a testing ground for another and better life which God has prepared for us. We have the great hope of the Resurrection. This life is uncertain; and we do not know when the gentle angel of death may come and men's violence to lead us into the presence of our heavenly Father, and our righteous Judge."

Unselfish Sacrifice
"We shall therefore pray and seek above all things that the manner of our lives may be acceptable to Him. The kind of unselfish sacrifice, such as cheerful obedience to duty demands, is well pleasing to God. It is the rock upon which the world is built. It is the way which God chose through Jesus Christ to save mankind."

"We shall pray that families and friends may receive God's word of comfort and find peace. And lastly, because God is the Father of all men, and in His presence all men are one family, we shall remember before Him the Chinese who have been killed in the Civil war, who are now dying, and must still die in peace and order come to China."

"We shall pray that God will grant to us, and to China and all men peace, that He will put in the hearts of all men the spirit of justice, mercy, and true religion, which is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ; that we all in our different works and vocations may be makers of peace."

After prayers had been offered by the Reverend C. Davies, Royal Navy, and the Reverend F. Smith, of the Methodist Church, and another hymn, the service concluded with the sounding of "The Last Post" and "Reveille."

Others who officiated at the service were the Reverend J. H. O'Neill, Reverend I. E. Morris, Reverend Swaine (RAF) and Reverend F. W. Weaver (Navy).

PORT HEALTH OFFICE NOTICE

The Port Health Office, Inoculation Centres at the Fire Brigade Building and Marine Building are for the use of passengers who need International Certificates of Inoculation and vaccination. Crews of ships and planes requiring vaccinations and inoculations must proceed to the Tsim Sha Tsui Inoculation Centre, Nathan Road (Old Central British School Building). This centre will open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily as from tomorrow.

Reminders

Today

Lawn Bowls, friendly matches CCO, Taihook HC, IRC, PRC, Philippine Club, and KCC. League soccer matches, First and Second Divisions.

HK Stage Club presents "Twelfth Night" China Fleet Club, 8 p.m.

Ladies Recreation Club, opening of new swimming pool, 3.30 p.m.

United Services Recreation Club, monthly dance.

HK Land Force vs. King George V School, athletic sports meeting, school ground.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK Art Club Sketching Party, members to assemble at Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry Wharf, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m. (members with cars to assist with transport).

Classical Concert, Joe H. Club, Talbot House, 59 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

MONDAY

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Hong Kong—1914" by Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell, 12.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

EUROPEAN FINED FOR SPITTING

Considerable excitement was caused in the Kowloon Court yesterday when J. M. de Silver refused to admit that he spat on the pavement at Temple Street.

Defendant said that he was a European and knew very well not to spit in public.

"I did not spit on the pavement, I spat in the gutter," he said.

Continuing he said: "I am working on board a ship and I don't have time to come to the court."

According to the prosecution, defendant was seen by a policeman spitting on the pavement about a foot from the gutter on April 28 during an anti-spitting patrol. At first he refused to go to the police station. Later he gave way and was sent to Yuenai Police Station.

After failing to produce witnesses, defendant pleaded guilty. Imposing a \$10 fine, Mr. Wickes said that a large number of people in the Colony die of tuberculosis. The law against spitting is aimed at reducing the tuberculosis death rate to a minimum.

"CANADAIR" TAKES OFF

"Canadian Pacific Airlines' new "Canadair" took off yesterday returning to Vancouver via Tokyo, and Okinawa, after its successful survey trip last week.

The plane carried no commercial passengers. Although it had intended to go by way of Shanghai, the plane went straight to Tokyo.

Arrivals from Shanghai yesterday by Hong Kong Airways included Messrs. S. C. Wong, Tso Ping-wo, F. Liu, A. H. Falconer, P. M. M. Parant, C. C. Woo, K. J. McLean and Mrs. E. P. Sydney-Smith.

Arrivals from Canton by the Fatsham yesterday included Messrs. Charles Lee, John F. White, D. R. Buckley, L. N. Salomonson, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Elchmiser, Mr. Paul A. Grieder, Mr. D. W. Gillman, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shoop, Miss Gladys Ward, Miss Esther N. Schell, Mr. H. T. Samson, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Griffin, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lapham.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Tai-wai left yesterday by CNAO plane for Canton.

Mr. Yu was formerly Minister of Communications in the Chinese Government.

Mr. J. Wierth, Dutch Consul General at Canton, left yesterday by a Pan American plane for Holland, where he will spend his six months' leave.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included Lieutenant O. Starling, Lieutenant R. Ashcraft, Captain M. H. Stuart, Mrs. J. P. Smith and Mrs. C. C. Bruce.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Max Wery, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rhalberg, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. S. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Oppenheim Messrs. A. I. Phillips, P. D. Moore, R. John nasser, B. Goldkin, R. Colegate, J. Gellinkoff and Colonel D. G. Gavill.

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COWIE LOSES SUIT AGAINST GOV'T

The suit against the Hong Kong Government for damages for alleged wrongful dismissal brought by William Henry Cowie, ex-Sub-Inspector of Police, failed at the Supreme Court yesterday, when a special seven-man jury decided against plaintiff.

The jury, who deliberated for a little over an hour and half, found, by a majority of five to two, that Cowie had accepted \$50 from Chan Yu-tong on June 5, 1947. They returned a unanimous verdict that, by accepting the money, Cowie had committed a misconduct.

Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, announced that as a result of the jury's findings, the action had failed. He did not make any order for costs.

The jury was exempted from jury service for two years.

Plaintiff had brought the action against the Attorney-General, nominal defendant, and was claiming a sum of \$6,970.43, alleging wrongful dismissal without notice and in breach of contract.

Cowie was dismissed from his post as Traffic Inspector in charge of testing vehicles on June 5, 1947 by the Governor on the recommendations of a Departmental Board of Enquiry. This was the result of investigations into the alleged acceptance by Cowie of \$50 from Chan Yu-tong.

Plaintiff's case was that the money was put into his pocket without his knowledge by Chan, who was acting on the instructions of Mr. W. F. Shafrin, of the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Y. H. Chan, Mr. A. Lansdale, Crown Counsel, defended, instructed by Mr. L. R. Andrews, Crown Counsel.

Beginning his summing up, the Chief Justice told the jury that he would refer to certain evidence which might lead them to think that he had expressed some opinion on the facts. "No opinion of mine," he declared, "is binding on you."

He went on to say that the whole of the evidence given in the case was before them. They had to base their decision on the whole of the evidence, and on nothing else.

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The Chief Justice then called the attention of the jury to three points, which they had to consider. The first was to decide whether Cowie accepted \$50 from Yu Hoi-chuen on June 5, 1947, and if so, if he did it in circumstances rendering the acceptance of the money a misconduct on his part. The third point was in regard to what damages Cowie was entitled to if the answers to the first and second questions were in the negative.

Sir Leslie directed the jury to direct their attention to the portions of the evidence introduced, one of which was the wealth which Cowie had acquired since he came to Hong Kong. Another irrelevant portion, he stated, was whether or not Cowie was a gambler. This had no bearing on the issue of misconduct, he declared.

A further irrelevant issue dealt with by the Court was the character of Mr. F. W. Shafrin, former officer in charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch. There was no evidence that he bore any grudge against Cowie, the Chief Justice added.

Turning to Yu Hoi-chuen, Sir Leslie said that the jury might possibly not be impressed that Yu had secured something of a stigma as an informer or police spy. There was no evidence, he declared, that Yu had been a police informer or spy.

"It was quite unnecessary for either side to suggest any motive for Yu doing what he was alleged to have done," the Chief Justice

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ANDREW NICOL, Acting Director of Public Works. April 14, 1949.

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"That the following shall be substituted for Clause 95 in the Articles of Association of the Company:—

"Each Director of the Company shall be paid out of the funds of the Company remuneration for his services at the rate of \$2,500.00 per annum and such further sums as the Company in General Meeting may from time to time determine."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

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J. HARGREAVES, Acting Controller of Stores. April 26, 1949.

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Telegrams—"Entrepot" Hong Kong.

April 26, 1949.

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I. NEWTON, Director of Medical Services.

Hong Kong, April 26, 1949.

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At 3 p.m. tomorrow he will give a talk at the Baptist Church, Stirling Road, Kowloon City followed by other talks to Christian teachers at the Lingnan School at 5 p.m. and a public meeting at St. Paul's Church at 7.30 p.m. The meeting planned for 9.30 a.m. at the King's Theatre tomorrow has been cancelled.

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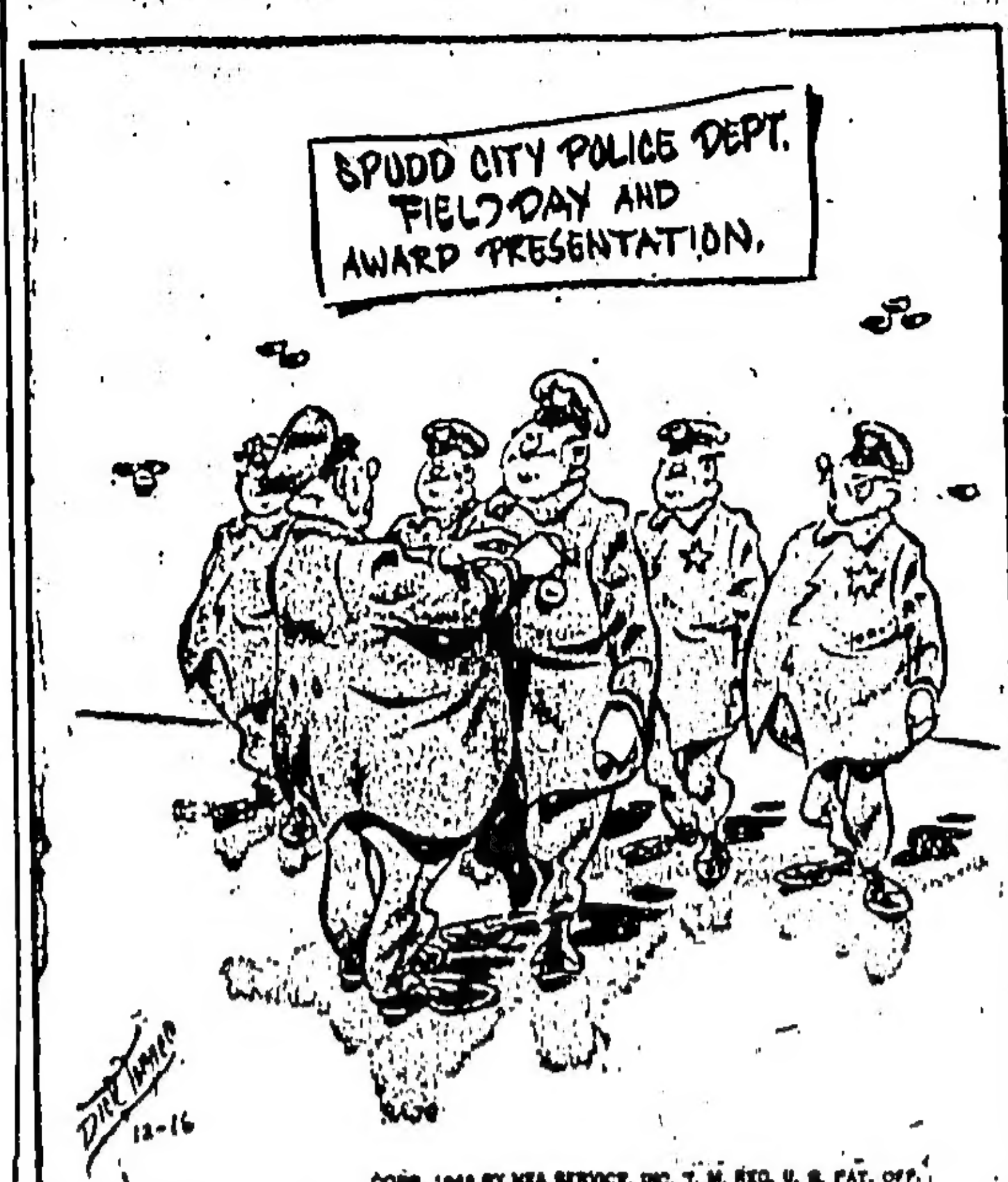
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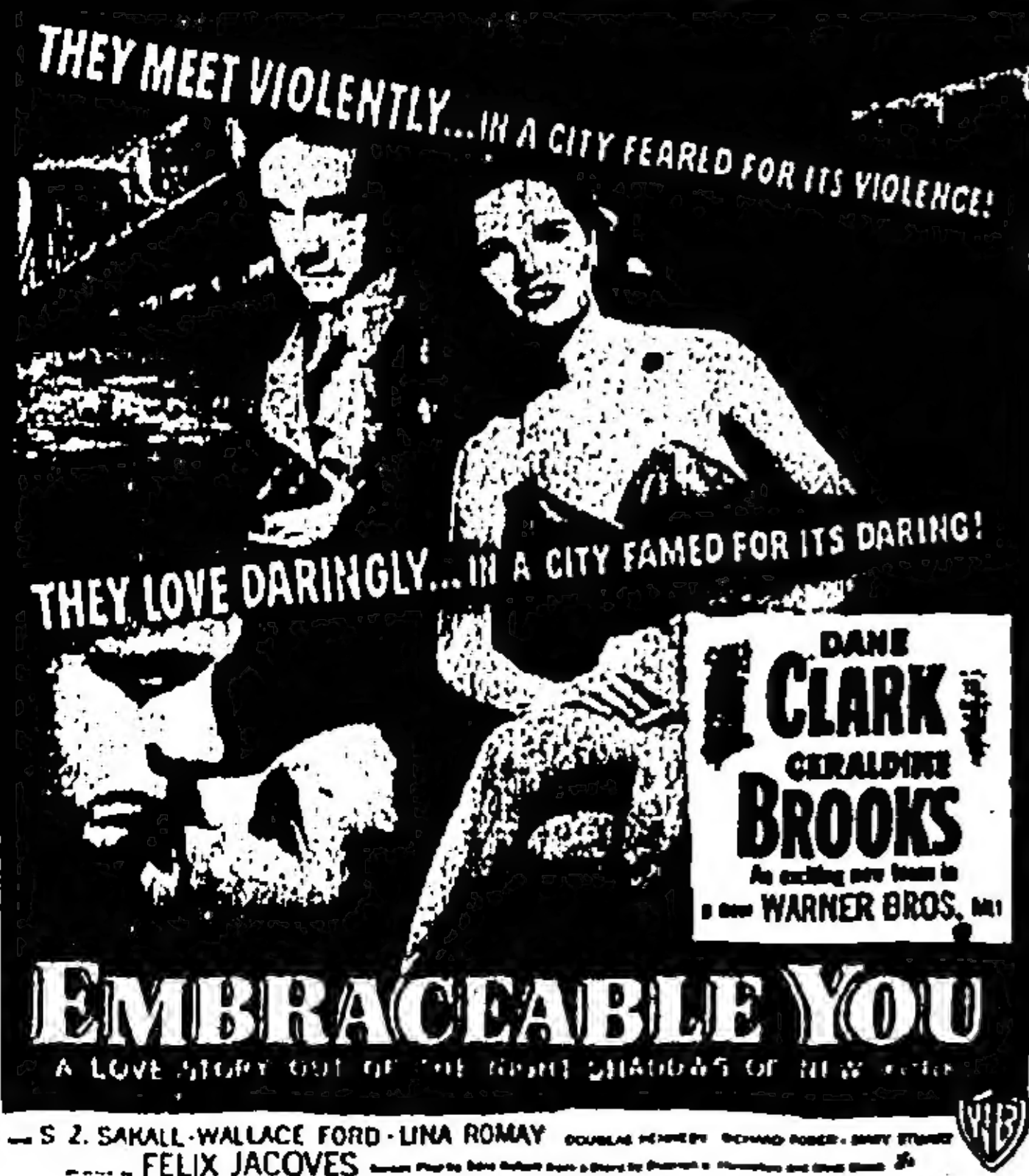
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SECURITY ZONES FOR CIVILIANS IN WAR?

Geneva, April 28.

Russia today declared herself in favour of all nations setting up security zones to shelter civilians who cannot fight in any future atomic war. M. Platon Morosov, Soviet delegate to the 59-nations Red Cross Conference, meeting here to revise the rules of warfare, said: "We can consider that these zones are one step forward, that they are indicative of some progress."

M. Morosov supported the inclusion in a proposed treaty to protect civilians in wartime of an article reading: "In time of peace, the contracting parties, in case of conflict, the parties thereto, shall endeavour to set up in their own territory, and, if the need arises, in occupied areas, hospital and safety zones and localities for organized, as to protect from the effects of war the wounded and sick children under 15, expectant mothers, mothers of children under seven, persons over 65 and the personnel entrusted with the organization and administration of such zones and localities, and with the care of persons assembled therein."

The Canadian delegate, Mr. Max Wereshof, suggested an amendment to the article which would not make the setting up of security zones obligatory. Mr. Wereshof explained that his principle that civilian populations should be protected as completely as possible from the horrors of war. "If another country set up zones, we would be prepared to negotiate to reach an agreement on the lines of the draft agreement attached to the treaty."

"Not Wise"
"It is not wise to treat Governments like school children and tell them in international conventions how to protect their own populations," he added.

"We are not opposed to the idea of hospital and safety zones, but it remains to be seen whether they are feasible. The agreement seems to us to be a very good one and it should be possible for two Governments to make an agreement to respect it after war has broken out."

"We are not, however, going to sign this treaty and forget our obligations. And we cannot sign it if we have no intention of setting up this kind of zone."

Other delegations, including the United States and British, favoured the general lines of the Canadian argument.

Impractical?
The British delegation is understood to approve the principle of security zones, but to consider them impractical—at any rate in Britain.

THREAT MUST BE MET BY U.S.

Cleveland, April 28.

The Economic Co-operation Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, said today that the threat of Russian military aggression must be met by military preparedness both in the United States and in Europe.

Mr. Hoffman said: "My personal view is that the Kremlin will not march if we are well prepared. The risks of a third World War are too stupendous."

Mr. Hoffman received a brotherhood citation from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in recognition of his work with the ECA-United Press.

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1.20 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—From Foreign Lands.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—"Fifth Request" Linda Carter.

6.01 p.m.—"Air Craft" Royal Section.

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7.00 p.m.—Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green and Steve Conway.

8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

8.15 p.m.—"Saturday Round-Up". (Studio)

8.30 p.m.—"The Adventures of PC 49". A Comedy Thriller by Alan Stranks Part 1. (HBC78)

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials". (London Relay)

9.10 p.m.—"Hinge up the Curtain!" Excerpt from Donizetti's Opera. (Gladys Ripley (Contralto), Heddie Nash (Soprano) and Arnold Matthews (Baritone). (HBC78)

2.55 p.m.—"Remember". By Frank Swinerton, No. 31 G. K. Cheterton. (HBC78)

10.00 p.m.—Philo Recital by William Brockman in a Programme of the Music of Brahms.

10.15 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

10.30 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.31 p.m.—"Cabaret" and Dance Music.

11.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Prague Hands Out Rebuke To Reds

Prague, April 28.

The Communists, in a self-criticism campaign, rebuked some of their members for laxness and others for wrong radicalism.

The campaign, carried out in the form of newspaper articles in the Communist press, castigated even some recently "re-educated" journalists.

The Communist organ, "Rude Pravo", complains that Czech picture magazines do not come up to the level of the new type of Socialist picture periodicals.

It complains the Communist Party's own picture weekly, "Halo Nedne Noviny", does not devote enough attention to foreign politics and presents insufficiently the life of Russia and the People's Democracies.

In a recent speech, the Slovak Communist leader, Stefan Bastovansky, accused some Communist members of the "action committee" of wrong radicalism and self-consciousness and blamed them for excluding well-meaning non-Communists from co-operation on nationwide tasks.

"Rude Pravo" castigates a Communist Party organization in Eastern Bohemia for laxness in organizing party meetings and complains that at a recent meeting only 50 per cent of the members were present.

"These shortcomings should be corrected at once. Lack of party discipline is one of our chief enemies," "Rude Pravo" concluded.—United Press.

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Broadminded Doctors Called For

London, April 28.

The British medical weekly, "The Lancet," today called for better education of medical students in sexual problems. The newly qualified doctor today is no better off, so far as the teaching given him on these matters is concerned, than his counterpart of 1914, "The Lancet" said.

"Indeed, he often shares all the prejudices of his time," the weekly said.—Reuter.

Margaret Cheered In Naples

Capri, April 28.

Happy, cheering crowds lined Capri's tiny white-washed piazzas today to welcome Princess Margaret for a five-day visit to their "Pearl of the Bay" of Naples.

Wearing a dove grey suit and a white straw hat, the Princess drove up the hillside through vineyards and lemon groves after crossing the shimmering Bay in a fast naval launch from Naples this morning.

Five hundred Neapolitans gave 18-year-old Margaret a great send-off when she left for the island after a morning's tour of their city.

Her lunch, manned by five Italians, circled Capri before tying up in the harbour.

Capri, about five and a half miles square, is an inviolable beauty spot for tourists and is especially famed for its wonderful sea grottoes.

After her hillside drive to the village square, the Princess alighted from her car and walked the last quarter of a mile to the hotel along Capri's five-foot wide arched main street.—Reuter.

KAREN REBELS ENCIRCLED

Rangoon, April 28.

The Karen rebels in occupation of Daiku, a railway town 78 miles North of Rangoon, are a Government communique encircled by Government troops, a Government communique said tonight.

The communique added that a full-scale advance on the rebels in Nyaung-U, on the railway 12 miles farther North, is in preparation, and that the Karen strongholds near Bassein, in the Irrawaddy Delta, 80 miles South West of Rangoon, are under attack.

Other Government forces have retaken Wundwin, 30 miles North of the capital, along the railway line to Brome, the Communique added.—Reuter.

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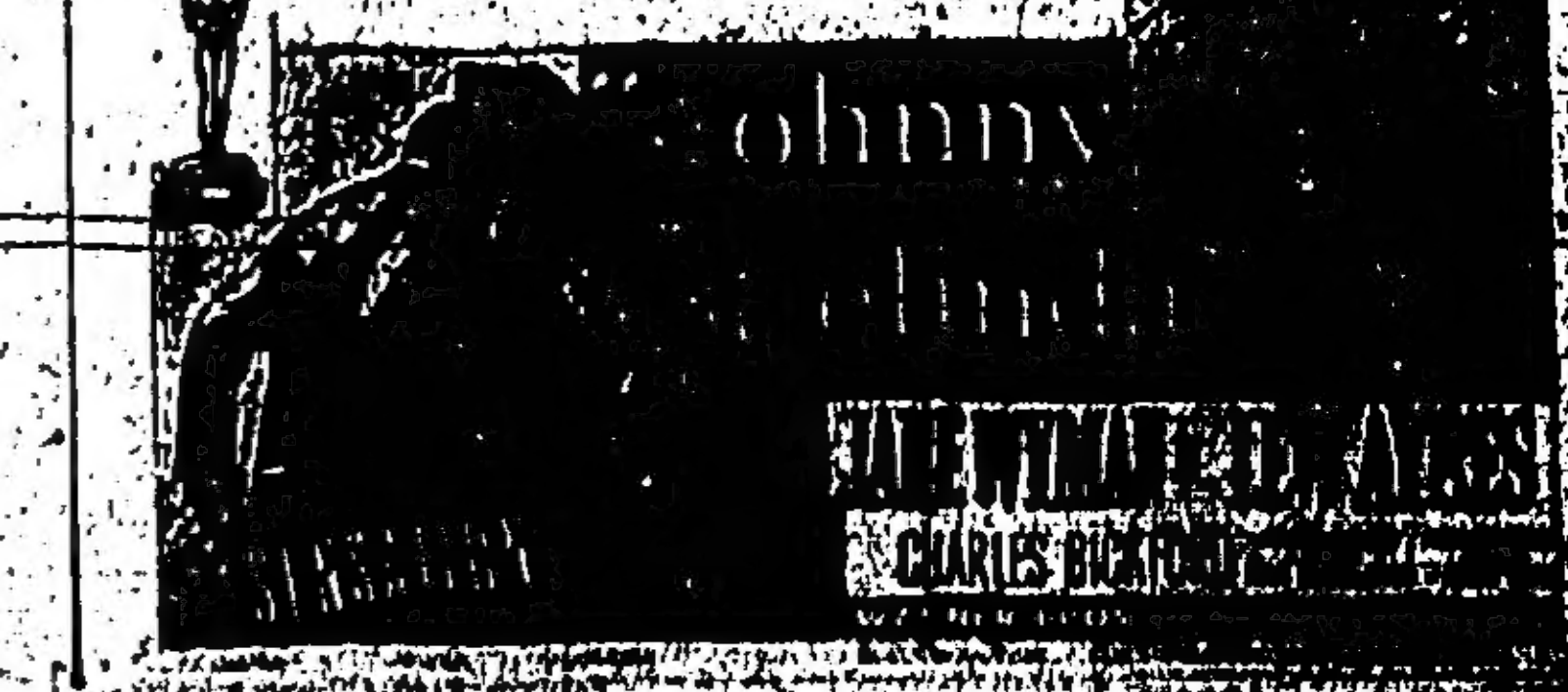
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SOVIET UPS
AND DOWNS

Information is not avail-
able as to how often the
Politburo chiefs in Moscow
draw up a balance sheet
showing their success in
fomenting strikes in one
country, creating riots in an-
other, etc., as opposed to set-
backs such as the Atlantic
Pact, the retention of India
in the Commonwealth or the
continued non-appearance of
a slump in America.

Theirs has not been com-
plete success of late, al-
though in the Far East they
have reason for congratula-
tion on the spread of wars,
insurrection and chaos. It is
more in the West where they
may be willing to "go easy"
for a time. First feelers
have been put out in Ber-
lin, where suggestions are
increasing that the Russians
are willing to lift the block-
ade.

These have rightly been
received with the utmost
caution by the Western
powers, who are neverthe-
less willing to discuss the
various aspects of the mat-
ter. There is, of course, no-
thing intrinsically improb-
able about the Russian desire
to end a situation which has
for some time made them
look rather silly, and more
recently has made them feel
uncomfortable.

There can be no doubt that
when they originally impos-
ed the blockade the Russians
expected that it would
quickly squeeze the Western
Allies out of the German
capital. The air lift was a
disconcerting response, al-
though in its early stages it
might have been expected to
last for only a short time.
Everyone can now see that
it is rendering the blockade
more and more ineffective,
and can go on doing so in-
definitely, although at great
cost.

Moreover, the Allied coun-
ter-measures have caused
growing embarrassment in
the Russian zone, and almost
certainly inconvenience in
the USSR itself. The rail-
ways of Eastern Germany
are in heavy deficit, and
there are definite signs that
the people have become even
less inclined to believe in
the prospect of a Communist
paradise.

We can only hope that be-
cause it has now become wise
from the Russian point of
view to lift the blockade, this
does not lead the West to
forget that its imposition was
indispensable and ineluctable.
The essential preliminary to
any agreement must be the
lifting of the blockade. The
Allies cannot undertake even
to delay the reorganisation of
Western Germany, which has
made substantial political
and economic progress, still
less to hold up implementa-
tion of the Atlantic Pact.

Probably it is true that the
Communist offensive in the
West has been checked.
Apart from Germany, there
have been the results of the
Italian and French elections,
and the admission of Norway
and Denmark to the Atlan-
tic Pact. But that does not
imply any relaxing of Com-
munist aims, and if the pres-
sure is temporarily lessened
in the West, it is all too ob-
vious to us in the East that
Russia is taking advantage
of every opportunity here.

Already experienced resi-
dents in Hong Kong are de-
manding that Communism be
outlawed in the Colony.
Most of it is already under-
ground, but open incitement
to rioting could be more
easily handled as we become
increasingly affected by the
civil war across the border.

CZECH REDS ARE DIVIDED
ON THE SUDETEN PROBLEM

From ERIC BOURNE

New Forty-Niners
Hit The Atom Trail
By GRAHAM STANFORD

A man wearing earphones
and a tense expression crouches
low over the rocks in Canada's
El Dorado area. He carries an
instrument which he pokes into
the crevices of the canyon walls
and then waits for the tell-tale
click.

He's the Uranium Hunter of
1940, 100-years-after successor
to the old Forty-niner, the man
whose services the whole world
is eagerly enlisting in the great
modern Klondike adventure.

He sweats in the arid desert
of South Australia, the "dead
freecies in the frozen lands of the
Antarctic; he slaves in the So-
viet's forced-labour fields of
far-off Siberia.

Australia offers £25,000 for
the discovery of big new uranium
deposits; the U.S. gives £2,500 to
every finder who reports a new
find; Britain's Ministry of Supply
now announces it will pay £1,540
a ton for uranium oxide found
in the Colonies.

Holding Back

All over the world adventurers
are trying to make easy
fortunes out of this gold dust of
the Atom Age. Dr. Alfred Kreth-
low, member of the Swiss Atomic
Energy Committee, says that
speculators are offering small
quantities of uranium at fantas-
tic prices.

It has been smuggled in from
Russia's uranium field on the
borders of Saxony and Czecho-
slovakia, where—according to the
latest reports—100,000 slave
workers mine the deadly ore.

Australia's Supply Department
believes that people are holding
back important information about
possible uranium deposits—one
reason why such big money re-
wards are offered.

Where is all this uranium and
what's being done to find it?
Principal known fields are in
the Belgian Congo (believed to
contain 80 per cent. of the
world's supply), Colorado and
Utah, Britain, Columbia, Czecho-
slovakia, Turkistan, and Lake
Baikal.

But there are possibly other
fields in France, the Ukraine,
East, West, Central, and South
Africa, Texas, Alaska, Australia,
and scarcely a day passes with-
out a uranium report from some
part of the globe.

When uranium was reported in
the gold-mining area of Bridge
River, British Columbia, pros-
pectors poured in by plane, car,
horse, and on foot.

One elderly prospector—who
dropped dead as he hurried to
strike a claim.

But the days have gone when a
man played poker with the
"dust" that he'd found. Today
a prospector deposits his ore near
the Government crushing mills,
with name attached and he's paid
accordingly.

The El Dorado field is Canada's
main source today, but the Gov-
ernment has put 120 prospecting
parties into the field, and they
are scouring all likely areas
from the Yukon to Nova Scotia.

In Canada and the U.S. special
police keep watch for uranium
smugglers, for every ton of ura-
nium with international dynamite,
America's G-men mobilised re-
cently to investigate suspected
smuggling from Mexico.

Immediately uranium is re-
ported and deposits confirmed
the Government steps in to cor-
ner the market. The South Aus-
tralian Government took over
2,600 square miles when uranium
was reported in the Peake and
Denson Ranges. Only Govern-
ment prospectors were allowed
within that area. Guards are
posted all round the fields, which
automatically become prohibited
areas.

These are the men who want
Czech Communism to advance at
the Czech tempo along the pecu-
liarly Czech way, acknowledging
Czech differences from backward
Slav and peasant neighbours.

Prominent among them is men-
tioned the name of 62-year-old
Vaclav Kopecky, Minister of In-
formation, Moscow-trained, but
still, they say, more Czech than
Communist. President Gottwald
himself is said to share these
views.

For the time being the nation-
alists have won. Taking its cue
from Moscow, the Government
issued a series of categorical
denials that plans for bringing
back any Germans were being
discussed. (The rumours were having
their effect.)

"Never," Prime Minister Zapo-
tocky cried over the microphone,
with our German enemies whom
we have driven out be permitted
to return as a whole or in part."

But it is a good guess that the
160,000 who remain will not now
be hurriedly pushed out how-
ever the American zone authori-
ties have said they are ready to
consider letting them in.

You can't escape it. A young
Czech girl rode with me the
other day past one of the never-
ending Bohemian frontier forts.
On her forearm was tattooed the
five or six figure number which
thousands of Czechs will bear to
their graves as permanent re-
minders of years of horror in
German concentration camps.

This girl had had six years in
one of the worst. Suddenly,
intensely, she burst out, "I don't
think I shall ever forget to hate
the Germans. I speak their
language as well as I speak Czech
but I hate using it."

What was interesting was
not that a little later she
broke softly into a German folk
song, learned in the camp, but
that I knew her to be strongly
opposed to Communist ideas.

That is typical of the back-
ground to a clearly marked new
trend in the Czechs' German
policy and the forest, most
divergent debate which has taken
place in the Party leadership
since it came to power in February
1948.

Two months ago highly sig-
nificant article appeared in the
Communist weekly "Tvorba". It
was written by Dr. Jiri Kotatko,
the man who purged the border-
lands and, in his own words,
"sent hundreds thousands of Ger-
mans out of our villages back into
the oaks of the teutonic forests."

His article was the first of a
series of cautiously-worded pro-
nouncements calculated to sell the
idea among suspicious Czechs—
still full of deep anti-German
feelings, derived from Munich and
the long occupation—that there
might, after all, be some good
Germans.

Where will they come from?
From the comb-out of the Civil
Service, says the Government,
from the current re-allocation of
labour, from the return of former
Czech emigrants overseas.

But the immediate danger prob-
lem remains. The nation's
ladder has suffered from the
failure of both post-war regimes
to fill the gaps in cultivation and
done by diligent German farmers.

At the beginning of this year,
rich lands bordering Saxony and
Bavaria were reported to be still
only 40 to 60 per cent. inhabited.

Politics have a way of following
trade. The Czechs have just
agreed to step up trade with
the Russian zone where there
already exist a certain real con-
ditions for the solution of the pol-
itical problems of Czechoslovak-
German relations.

"Germans in the Soviet Zone",
wrote Kotatko, "are turning to-
wards peace and democracy. If
our people realise how much has
already changed, then one day we
shall quietly, reasonably and
realistically approach the solution
of the question which today is still
unpopular but very important."

Look ahead and it is not impos-
sible to visualise thousands of
those Germans returning quietly
and realistically to lands which at
the present rate of re-settlement
must long be idle. But firmly as
they hold the reins, not even Mr.
Slansky and his friends are likely
to attempt it just now.

A nation of 70 millions cannot
exist in Europe except as active
participants in international co-
operation. It was high time to
re-examine the German question
and not from a narrow-minded,
nationalist viewpoint.

The Internationalists were
Rudolf Slansky, 46-year-old sec-
retary general of the Party, and
his co-delegate to the Comin-
form German-born Bedrich Gemin-
der, the anointed king of Boho-
mia who, even more than Slansky,
is the power and brain of Czech
Communism.

The Nationalists, fearing a
too radical revision of policy
which would leave the door open
for a not too distant German re-
turn, said "not a German back".
They wanted no compromise over
the 160,000 Germans who are
still in Czechoslovakia because
last year the over-burdened
American Zone shut its frontiers.

They wanted only the most
cautious development of economic
ties with Germany.

funaces, fuel, and rolling pro-
cesses.
In theory, Japanese unionism,
which incorporates most heavy
industry workers, throws on the
whole system. But the system is
detached and not really angry.

Unionism in Japan is just as
are all other democratic develop-
ments in Japan. No one really
fears any successful organized
revolt by the steelworkers
against the burning good and
bad of the United States.

The whole iron and steel in-
dustry is subsidised, of course.
But with production capacity as
high as 4,000,000 tons, subsidised
capacity is a lot. On the basis of 840,000
tons are more than sufficient.

But labour is still cheap in
Japan—that is cheap as life.
And the one natural resource
which Japan has in abundance
is man-power.

Besides, to encourage their
robot labour, most of the great
Japanese firms have adopted pay-
ment by result schemes, bonuses, and
bounties, which sometimes are
in the thousands. Amagasaki Steel Company, for
instance, has now been able to
achieve, and output constantly
surpasses monthly goals.

Deep in the Belgian Congo
the world's richest uranium field,
there is the strictest secrecy, but
it is reported that a great pro-
cessing plant is now nearing com-
pletion. These works start opera-
tions next year, and the Belgians
are building homes for a white
population of 4,000 and a native
population of 25,000.

Stories keeping through the Iron
Curtain tell of Czech efforts
in Russia's uranium fields in the
Czechoslovakia and Czecho-
slovakia.

Miners are nearly all Germans
or DPs with black anti-Russian
records. And no one really knows
what goes on in the reported
province of China or the Far
Eastern stretches of Siberia. It
is believed that Russia is stock-
piling on the borders of Afghanis-
tan.

One of the Soviet's most likely
fields is in the Khamar-Duman
Range, near Lake Baikal, and it
is also reported that the Red
prospectors are busy in the
Ukraine.

Now Britain has joined the
great uranium hunt with the re-
quest that all mining interests
and prospectors throughout the
Colonies search for uranium.

They have, in fact been doing
so for months past, and it is
believed that considerable de-
posits may be found in East,
West, and Central Africa and in
the gold deposits of the Union.

RAF planes, working for the
Colonial Survey Department are
taking part in the hunt, and a
party of geologists from America
are coming over to lend a hand.

Uranium prospectors are armed
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"Germans in the Soviet Zone",
wrote Kotatko, "are turning to-
wards peace and democracy. If
our people realise how much has
already changed, then one day we
shall quietly, reasonably and
realistically approach the solution
of the question which today is still
unpopular but very important."

Look ahead and it is not impos-
sible to visualise thousands of
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HISTORIC AGREEMENT DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Mr. Churchill Sounds A Note Of Warning

London, April 28.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister, today described to Parliament as "historic" the Commonwealth agreement which keeps the future Republican India within the Commonwealth as a full and equal partner.

Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, said he has no doubt whatever that nearly everyone wants India to stay in the Commonwealth, a view which was received with cheers. But there are many questions unanswered and there are possible consequences, some of them potentially adverse, which cannot yet be measured, he said.

Amid cheers, Mr. Churchill declared: "This I say to all my friends: it is the duty of all to try our best to make this new expression of unity of our worldwide association of States and nations a practical and lasting success."

The House of Commons had earlier heard Mr. Morrison read the Commonwealth leaders' declaration. He said it was necessary to make the result of the conference known first to the newspapers to facilitate the simultaneous announcement in all the self-governing countries of the Commonwealth.

"Nevertheless, I think the House would wish to hear the terms of this statement that a decision, which will, I am sure, be regarded as an historic one in the evolution of the Commonwealth, may take its place in the records of the House with the least possible delay."

He suggested that any full discussion of the declaration, if the House so wishes, might more properly be deferred to a later occasion.

"I am having regard to the fact that the leaders of the delegations of the other countries of the Commonwealth are not in a position to report personally to their Government or Parliaments," Mr. Churchill said he is well aware of the difficulties of clock time and sun time throughout the Empire and the Commonwealth of Nations. "I do not say they have been satisfied with this occasion, which seems to us as though it were a great relief to the House. Any other course would, I think, be derogatory to Parliament, and especially to the Mother of Parliaments."

But he was glad the declaration had been reported formally to the House. "Any other course would, I think, be derogatory to Parliament, and especially to the Mother of Parliaments."

Difficult Questions
Mr. Churchill said: "I am unapologetically glad that an impossible gap has not opened between the new India and the British Empire and Commonwealth, or between our famous past and our anxious present all over the world."

"I cannot feel that either the majority of the Crown or the personal dignity of the King is imperilled by the conditions under which India remains in the Commonwealth. On the contrary, the vital significance and value of the monarchy seem to be enhanced by the way in which the King is acknowledged by the Republic of India and by the latest proofs of its enduring importance to the other Dominions, as testified by their responsible Prime Ministers."

In practice, many difficult questions and dangers remain to be surmounted. "I feel that the tides of the dangers and duties that are shared in common by all of us in these days may well make new harmonies with India and, indeed, with large parts of Asia."

Mr. Churchill added: "We may also be seeing, coming into view, an even wider and larger synthesis of states and nations comprising even the United States and a United Europe which may, perhaps, bring to a harnessed and struggling humanity real security for peace and freedom and for health and home."

Mr. Churchill went on: "Final judgment upon matters of such gravity and far-reaching import is impossible today. Debates have to take place not only here but in the Parliaments which are concerned; and which are located in the five continents of the globe."

"Nevertheless, I feel I shall be failing in my duty as the leader of the Conservative Party if I failed on this occasion to express, under all the proper and necessary reserve, a definite view."

Test Question
"The test question which it seems to me we ought to ask ourselves, and which I have asked myself, is: Do we wish India to remain in her own free will and desire within the Commonwealth or not?"

"I have no doubt whatever that nearly all of us would answer that question 'Aye,'" Mr. Churchill said, raising his voice in a shout on the word "Aye," which was received with cheers.

"I do not in any way retract or regret the views I have expressed over so many years, and I am very glad not to be responsible for much that has been done in the past (Members on the Government benches roared in a challenging way at this) and in the recent past. But we are all of us governed by events which we cannot control by the actions of majorities duly elected to the House of Commons."

Mr. Churchill then recalled a passage in a speech he made six months ago: "We must look forward, it is our duty, whatever part we have taken in the peoples of India, of whatever race, religion, social condition, or political character they may be. We must wish them well and do whatever we can to help them on their road."

"Sorrow may lie in our hearts, but bitterness and malice must be purged from them, and in our future, more remote relations with India we must rise above all prejudices and partiality and not allow our vision to be clouded by memories of the glories that are gone for ever."

Mr. Churchill went on: "The present attitude of India seems to me more favourable to continued association than it did when those words were spoken. I am sure this will be a help for all in the future."

Mr. Churchill said he is well aware of the arguments about equal sacrifice and contribution, about belonging to the same club and taking the advantages, but not contributing to the rules.

More Blessed
"But, as the Bible says, it is more blessed to give than to receive. It is certainly more agreeable to have the power to give than the need to receive. We do not always find ourselves in that position in respect of some other countries of the world."

"If, on the whole, we—most of us—feel able to answer the test question in the affirmative and wish to have India associated with us in the future, it is fortunate that the institution of the Monarchy, never more deeply enshrined in the hearts of its proud and willing subjects and citizens all over the world than at present, should not have been a barrier to the inclusion of India as a Republic in the Commonwealth."

Mr. Churchill added that some time ago, when he had some indication of what was afoot, he foresaw some danger that the symbol of the Crown, which had hitherto been a circle of unity, might become an exclusive instrument in respect of India in its new guise. "I am sure it has been very wise to avoid any chance of that," he said.

Mr. Churchill concluded: "I feel that the tides of the world are favourable to our voyage. The pressure of the dangers and duties that are shared in common by all of us in these days may well make new harmonies with India, and, indeed, with large parts of Asia."

Mr. Clement Davies welcomed the declaration on behalf of the Liberals and, amid prolonged Government cheers, congratulated the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, on bringing the Commonwealth leaders together. "I am quite sure his understanding played a very considerable part in bringing about a successful result," he said.

Lords' Welcome
Mr. Morrison expressed the Government's thanks and appreciation for the generally friendly observations of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Davies. "The more in these Commonwealth matters that we can march together in this House the better it will be," he said.

Viscount Hall read the declaration in the House of Lords. Viscount Simon welcomed it on behalf of the Opposition. He hoped that the announced conclusions lead to the reality of unity and co-operation.

The Marquess of Reading, Liberal, described the declaration as most pregnant and far-reaching. Viscount Hall said the Government is considering whether it is necessary to make any statutory changes.—Reuter.

"Imperialist Triumph For Britain"

Bombay, April 28.
A leading Indian Socialist, Mrs. Asaf Ali, today described the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' agreement as "yet another Imperialist triumph for the so-called Socialist Government of Britain."

Mrs. Ali, a member of the Regional Executive of the Indian Socialist Party, said: "Whenever British guns have failed, the British genius for evolving 'formulas' has done the rest of the Imperialist." —Reuter.

Pakistan Position Unchanged

London, April 28.

Pakistan's position in the Commonwealth remains unchanged by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London, her Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, declared here today.

He said that his country continues to retain full freedom to shape its constitution (in the process of being framed); to continue membership on the existing basis or to substitute full membership on the basis adopted by India; or, if it so decided, to go out of the Commonwealth altogether.

One obvious change, he added, is that allegiance to the King no longer constitutes the essential requirement of Commonwealth membership.

The Pakistani Prime Minister emphasised the elastic and dynamic character of the new development in the Commonwealth conception which he described as an important landmark in the process of its development.

"India's unqualified affirmation of her desire to continue a full member of the Commonwealth and her willingness to accept the King as the symbol of association of the free nations of the Commonwealth, as such, head of the other members of the Commonwealth to accept the continuation of India as a full member of the Commonwealth," he concluded.—Reuter.

Progress Made In Batavia Talks

Batavia, April 28.

The informal talks between the leading Dutch and Republican delegates to settle the Indonesian dispute have resulted in a fuller understanding of each other's standpoint, a usually well-informed Republican source said today.

Dr. Mohammed Hatta, former Indonesian Prime Minister, arrived here last Sunday from Borneo Island, where he was interned by the Dutch last December, to confer with Dr. J. H. Van Royen, chief Dutch delegate.

Despite these talks, the source said, neither side has compromised on principles, and the date for the next formal session of the United Nations-sponsored conference remains to be fixed.

The last conference took place a week ago. Dr. Hatta is due to return to Banka Island tomorrow.

The Dutch weekly review of the situation in Indonesia reports news of clashes between the Interpel (the Communist Party of Indonesia) and other groups in the Western part of East Java.

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GENERAL APPROVAL OF COMMONWEALTH PLAN

London, April 28.
The British Government is well satisfied with the reception given by both the public and Parliament to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' declaration retaining the full and equal Commonwealth membership of the future Republic of India.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence, former Secretary of State for India and leader of the historic 1946 Cabinet Mission to New Delhi, reflected the view of the great majority of Labour Party supporters in Parliament.

He told Reuter: "The successful issue of the Prime Ministers' conference will bring widespread rejoicing to all members of the Commonwealth. The actual terms of the agreement are as simple in form as they are profound in significance."

"They reflect the greatest credit upon the good sense and ingenuity of the men who devised them. But still more important is the spirit which has promoted them and which will endure long after the events of this week are forgotten."

The leader of the Conservatives, Mr. Winston Churchill, tonight addressed a private meeting on the Commonwealth declaration. Earlier he had told Parliament that it was the duty of all to try to make "this new expression of unity of our worldwide association of States" a practical and lasting success.

The great majority of Conservatives in Parliament are said to be united in wishing to see the new arrangement work, and this will be made plain in any debate.

Some Conservatives backbenchers are understood to have misgivings that the inclusion of a republic in the Commonwealth may produce repercussions in Pakistan and South Africa and lead to the re-opening of Elre's position.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister, described the new agreement keeping the future Republic of India in the British family of nations as "historic in the evolution of the Commonwealth."

"Other big groupings are in the process of being formed, but none of them could possibly take the place and wield the influence which the Commonwealth wields today and is capable of wielding in an emergency."

There is no assurance that the concession to India will keep her in the Commonwealth for long, General Smuts declared.

The temptation implicit in the new declaration might prove too much for those member nations where republican tendencies are already strong and where allegiance to the King is looked on as a sign of subjection, he said.—Reuter.

COMMONS DEBATE ON CHINA

London, April 28.
The Government announced today that the House of Commons will debate next Thursday the entire China situation, including the Communist attacks on the British warships.—United Press.

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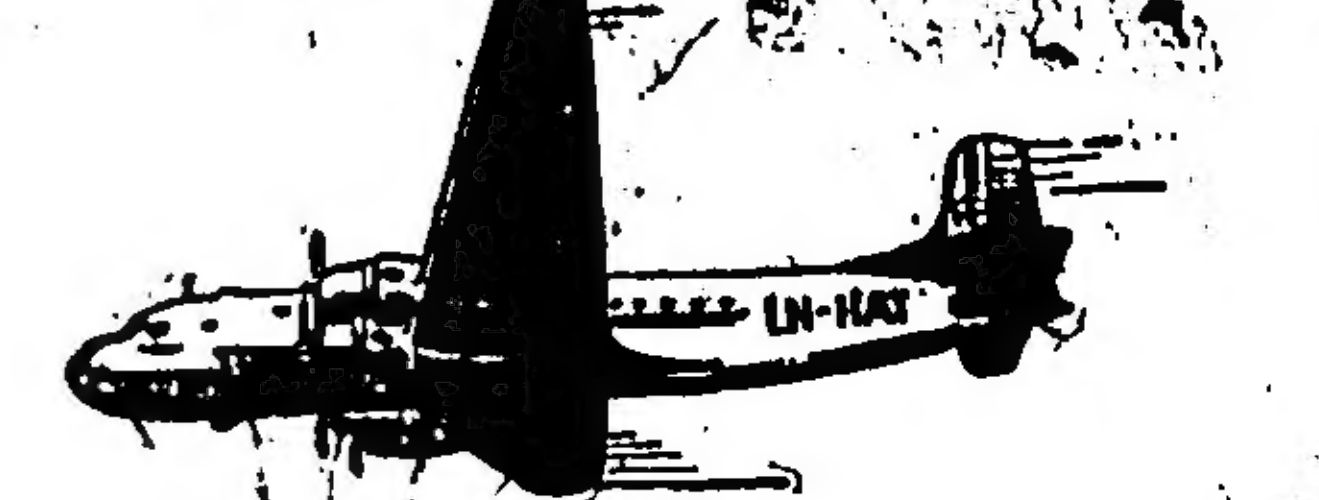
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Sleek Look For Marwyn Racing Car

The Marwyn 500 c.c. racing car, which has shown creditable paces since its introduction late in 1947, appears for the current season in a considerably revised form.

The basic layout remains unchanged but the modifications result in the transformation—and very marked enhancement—of the car's appearance, together with improved braking, engine cooling and, it is expected, general handling.

The basic structure comprises a simple channel section frame with the front wheels independently suspended on single wishbones articulating in conjunction with transverse quarter-elliptic springs, the effect of the latter being equivalent to a full-length anti-dive spring.

The tubular rear axle, differential-less, of course, is also carried on quarter-elliptic springs, although in this case they lie in the plane of the frame side members, which converge considerably towards the front of the chassis.

Power Unit

As before, the shock damping is frictional; the power unit is a speedway JAP engine with a compression ratio of 14 to 1 and an output on the right side of 40 b.h.p., while transmission is through a primary and a secondary chain with a four-speed Burman motor cycle gear box interposed.

The column of the Marles steering is positioned centrally in the cockpit.

In the new model the wheelbase is increased to seven feet, and the track is markedly crabbed—3ft 11in at the front and 3ft at the rear.

The motor cycle type wheels earlier employed are replaced by three-spoke pressed steel type, carrying 10 by 4.5in tyres. It is hoped shortly to make available special alloy wheels of 15in diameter.

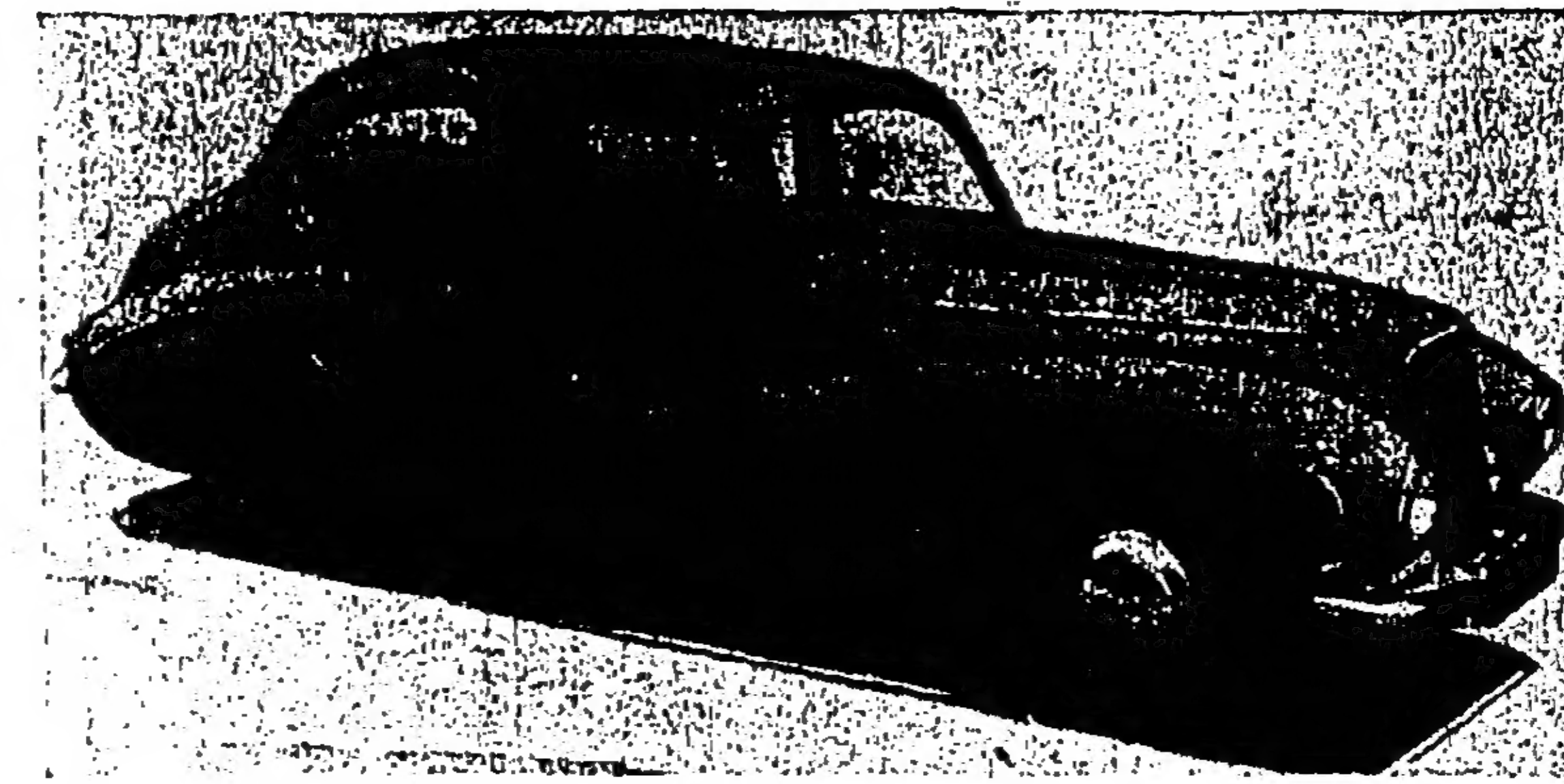
A Lockheed hydraulic braking system, with two-leading shoes at the front and eight-inch drums, supplants the smaller cable-operated brakes.

Squat Nose

With its low squat nose and contrastingly high streamlined head rest—the latter conceals the gravity fuel tank—the body would appear to have good aerodynamic qualities, an unusual feature being the provision at each extremity of mesh-covered vents of roughly matching shape.

The odd point about this is that the tail vent is functional, where as the corresponding one at the front is not, since it has blank plate immediately behind it. Actually, air for cooling purposes reaches the rear-placed engine through a scoop situated beneath the cockpit and not immediately visible.

From this scoop a special duct directs cooling air to the cylinder



Thoroughly modern styling, extending to partial enclosure of the rear wheels, results in a suggestion, no doubt emphasized by the slanting towards the nose, of eagerness and motion, at all events in some eyes. It is a four-door four-light style of body, with, however, the rearward pair of windows wider than usual.

Attractive Combination In Sunbeam-Talbot Car

In this car, the smaller of the two Sunbeam-Talbot current models, is found a decidedly attractive combination of quite impressive performance, modern appearance, and a variety of features in which very obviously the convenience and comfort of the user have been particularly studied.

Especially in the last-mentioned point it is typical of cars of the Rootes Group in possessing many well-thought-out items of equipment.

These may make no difference to the running of the car, but they do add up to notably increasing the pleasure of ownership and the convenience of everyday motoring.

The 80's performance, particularly in cruising speed and maximum speed, for what the latter point is worth, has handsomely exceeded the standards that might be expected of a car of this engine size.

The overhead valve engine is decidedly lively, as well as most satisfactorily smooth throughout its range, and provides fast, refined travel. In chassis dimensions and overall size of car the 80 is identical with the 2-litre 90 model, though in some respects, such as gear ratios, there are differences.

It is soon found that response to the throttle pedal is decidedly good, that there is not frequent need for gear changing in town traffic, or on the normal kind of main road gradient, and notably that the cruising speed can be high—around a genuine 60 m.p.h. It is an achievement in this size of engine that it should feel happy at so comparatively high a speed. The Sunbeam-Talbot 80 can, indeed, be held for miles at a stretch at considerably high speeds without showing distress, and without the oil pressure, indicated by a proper gauge, falling off.

The circumstances of the test provided exceptional opportunities of maintaining high speeds, owing

to the fact that it has unrestricted escape passage through large meshed panels immediately flanking the engine, two further grilles high in the tail, and, lastly, the one already mentioned, at the rear extremity of the car.

Further to assist cooling the exhaust pipe passes out through a branch in the body, just aft of the cockpit.

The small instrument board carries a central 6in r.p.m. counter, which is an extra, with a magneto cut-out switch on its left and an advance-and-retard control on its right.

ing to comparative freedom from traffic on the routes traversed, conditions which, of course, are always the ruling factor in leading to average speeds out of the ordinary.

Average Speed

Fortunately placed in this respect, the car averaged 48.5 m.p.h. over two consecutive hours, and on another occasion an average speed exceeding 60 m.p.h. was achieved over some 40 miles of a route that is exceptionally favourable as regards keeping the right foot hard down.

It is a quiet and soothing car for ordinary motoring, as distinct from getting from place to place in the shortest possible time, and the effect of the performance delivered, and also of the style of the car as a whole and of its appointments, is to make one feel that it has a bigger engine than in fact it has.

A quite stiff hill of 1 in 6½, maximum gradient was taken on third at second gear at a speed not falling below about 20 m.p.h. A separate driving seat, with an easily operated adjustment for height and angle of back rest, as well as the usual fore and aft adjustment, enables a position to be obtained, as liked by many drivers, with a practically vertical back rest giving good support behind a thin-rimmed flexibly spoked steering wheel which is mounted nearly vertically.

The steering column gear lever is well placed for the left hand and is light and definite in its movements; it would perhaps be better if the lever were spring loaded from the neutral position towards the top and third gear range of movement.

There is, however, a positive stop against unintentional engagement of reverse. It is one of the best examples of the now current form of gear change, and the special type of synchromesh used on second, third and top gears proves clash proof, whilst quick changing can be carried out if desired.

Likewise the very well arranged driving position is increased

ed by the hand-brake lever being ideally placed between the separate front seats, thus there are no obstructions to the driver using the near-side door when he chooses.

Also vision is good through the wide, slightly curved windscreen. The right-hand wing can be seen, and the bonnet, falling away slightly towards the front, is not in any way obtrusive, a point which was particularly appreciated in bad fog.

The smaller controls are thoroughly well arranged too, the starter switch in relation to the ignition switch, for instance; the anti-dazzle control is hand operated at the centre of the steering wheel, as well as the horn and traffic signal.

Comfort View

A driver now accustomed to to independent front wheel suspensions would be able to tell, even if the fact had been concealed from him before handling this car, that it had half-elliptic springs all round.

From the comfort point of view the riding is a satisfactory compromise between softness and firmness, and ordinary deteriorations in surface are little noticed; there are occasions, when greater lateral firmness would be appreciated for the fast cornering which the car's performance encourages. The steering is light, being fairly low geared, and has marked caster action, but it could possess more automatic sense of direction with advantage, or, in other words, increased self-steering tendencies.

The brakes are the latest Lockheed two-leading-shoe equipment. They allow the car well from speed without heavy pedal pressure being necessary, and come on with really decisive effect for an emergency pull-up at lower speeds when the pedal is pressed fairly hard, but still they are not unduly fierce in action.

As much as anything external about a car can produce such an impression, the driving position, and in particular the practically ideal mounting of the steering wheel, give a feeling of confidence and of control over the car.

The right foot is comfortable on a treadle type of throttle, and there is a convenient position for the left foot off the clutch pedal, a special rubber-covered rest being provided.

The clutch pedal movement is light, and the clutch action is smooth for starting, from rest, which as a demonstration of smoothness, but not necessarily for regular use, can be carried out on the level on second gear. The gears are satisfactorily quiet.

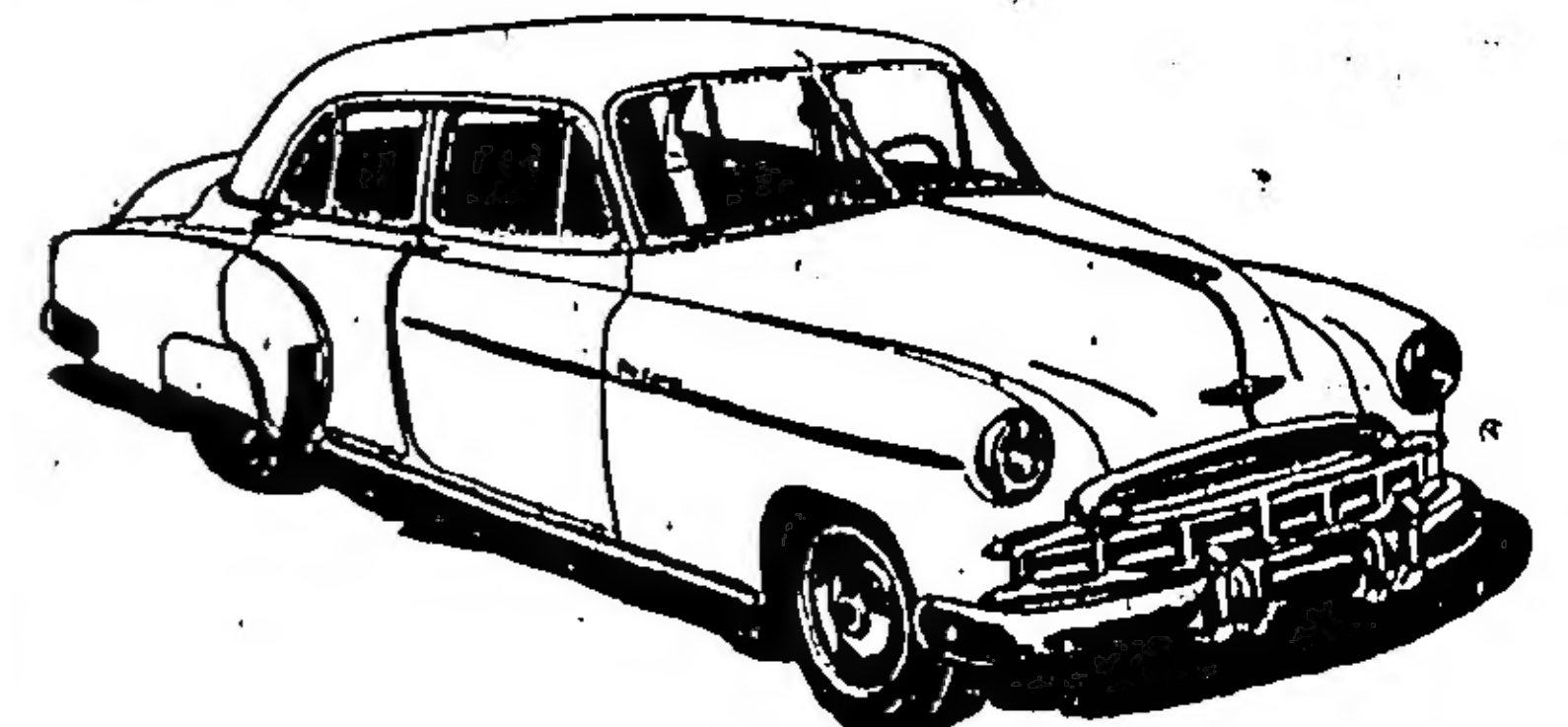
There is good leg room in the rear compartment, as well as in the front for both driver and passenger, and at the rear a central folding arm rest is provided in addition to elbow rests.

The upholstery is in good quality leather, and the whole style of the interior is neat and appealing. The front passenger's window, as well as the driver's, has a quick-action lever control for raising and lowering it. A sliding roof is fitted, but not a rear window blind, and a very satisfactory view behind is given by a driving mirror, which is mounted at the base of the windscreen.



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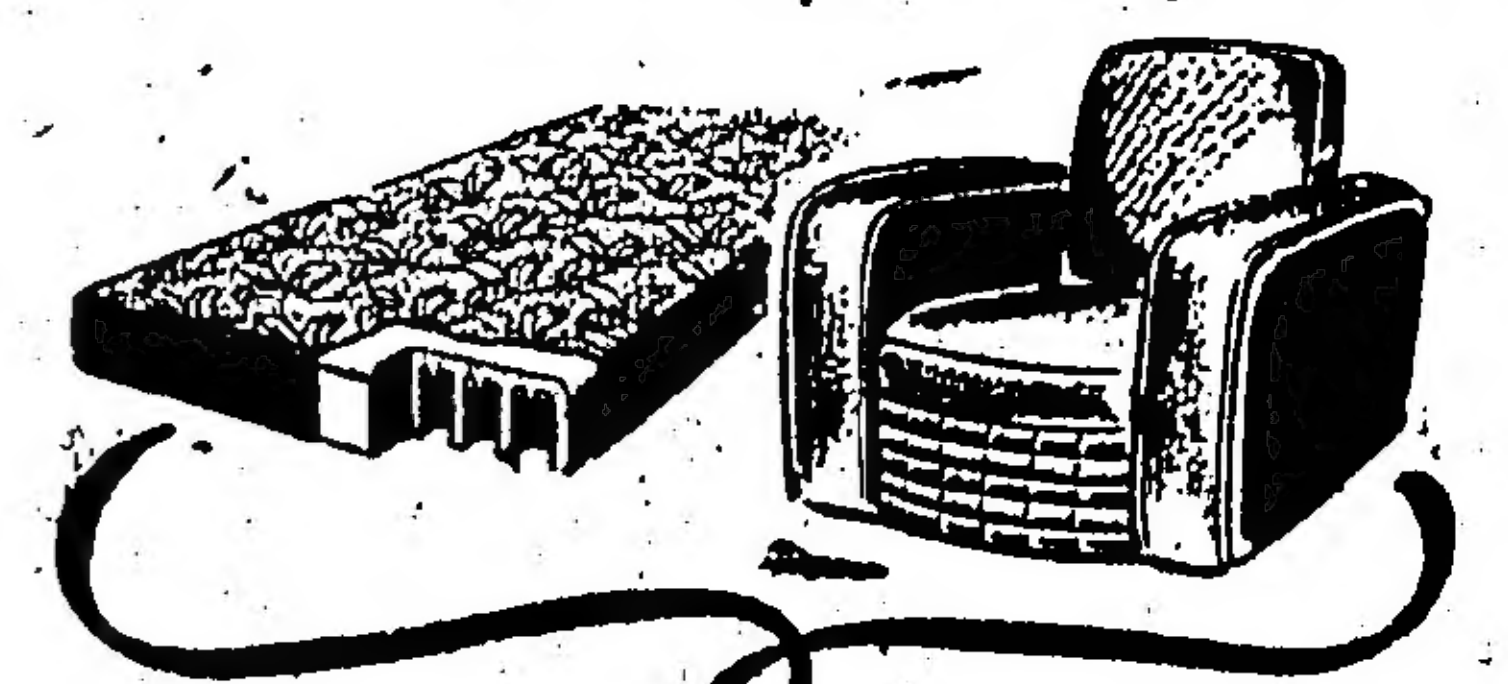
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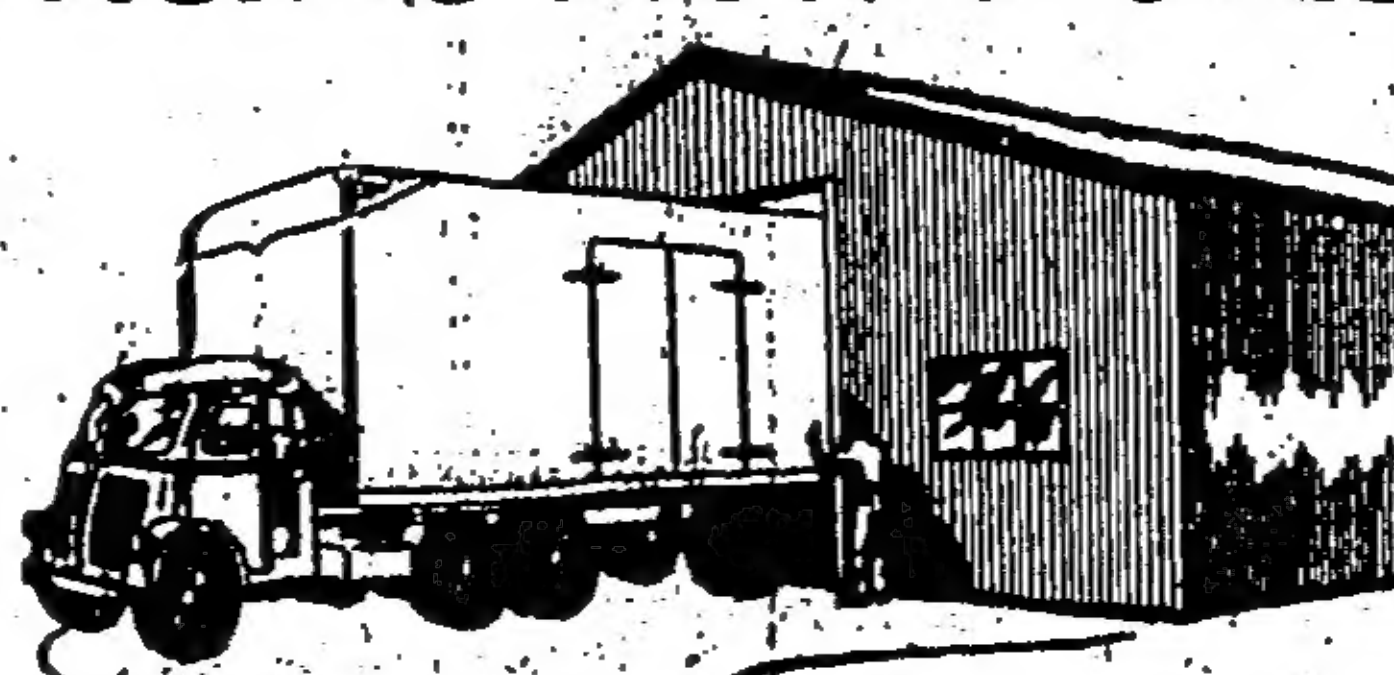
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DEMAND FOR REVIEW OF U.S. CHINA POLICY

Washington, April 29.

Senator Styles Bridges, Republican, talked with President Truman yesterday about the situation in China and then demanded a complete review by Congress of U.S. policy on China.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson and Senator Kenneth Wherry, Republican, also participated in the 30-minute White House talk.

Senator Bridges, an advocate of increased aid to the Chinese Nationalist Government, said he and Senator Wherry are bound to secrecy about what they learned.

But he declared that the information given them ought to be made known to more Senators.

Senator Bridges is the senior Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

There are signs that if no other committee acts to order a review of China affairs, Mr. Bridges and Mr. Wherry may call State Department officials for that purpose when the Department's supply bill is brought before the Appropriations Committee.

Senator Bridges' call for a Congressional review was made in an interview with reporters.

He said he and Senator Wherry were summoned to the White House for the discussion. Both have been critical of the Administration for not giving more aid to the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Inside Story

President Truman and Mr. Acheson are said to have discussed intimate details of the China situation in the conference.

There are reports that the President mapped out the Administration's plan for any future action that might be taken Mr. Bridges would not comment on this.

Some weeks ago, Mr. Acheson was reported to have told a House Committee that the Administration is "waiting for the dust to settle" in China to see what could be done about helping the Nationalists.

China came up earlier at Mr. Truman's weekly meeting with reporters. The President said then that the U.S. Navy is amply prepared to remove all Americans from Shanghai.

The President said he understood there are reports that the Navy has deserted American officials at Shanghai, now threatened by Chinese Communists.

Speaking solemnly, he said there is no foundation in fact for any such report.

The Navy, Mr. Truman went on, has done an excellent job at Shanghai and has been ready at all times to take out Americans in the city.

Ready To Help

The line President Wilson, the President said, left Shanghai with vacillations and the President Wilson's vacillations are still available for further evolutions.

The President Wilson sailed from Shanghai on Thursday.

The Navy, he added, has been available at all times to help these commercial liners remove Americans and is still ready to do so.

"There are no Navy combat ships there, are there?" a reporter asked.

"Yes, there are," the President replied.

A reporter asked if a protest is being made to the Chinese Communists because of the invasion by Communist soldiers of the Ambassador, J. Leighton Stuart's residence.

The President said he had no complaint from the Ambassador about the incident. In the absence of such official word, he can not say what may be done.

Consular Officials To Stay

Washington, April 28. A State Department spokesman today said that the United States plans to keep consular officials in Communist-occupied China indefinitely to look after American interests. He emphasized that this in no way constitutes recognition of the Chinese Communist regime, either directly or formally.

The spokesman said American consuls have remained in all major North Chinese cities taken over by the advancing Communist armies, including Peiping, Tientsin and others. He added: "They will remain to perform their consular function—protection of American interests."

The British are expected to follow the American lead in doing so.—United Press.

German Prince Bed Salesman

Wiesbaden, April 28. A grandson of the late Kaiser Wilhelm turned up as a bed salesman at Wiesbaden Trade Fair today.

Alexander Ferdinand, aged 27, "Prince of Prussia," has been a business since 1945, when he lost his property in Dresden.

"We had to live somehow," he explains. As a salesman, he is exhibiting a folding bed which, he says, is cheap, convenient and just the thing for refugee families in room-short Germany. He also deals in imports and exports. At textiles and sends cigarette lighters to South Africa.

The Prince is married and has a son aged nine.—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, April 29. Grains dropped sharply yesterday. At one time May wheat was off seven cents and May corn four cents. Traders said heavy elevator house sales of May wheat started the break which was speeded by stop-loss orders. Traders said that back of the down-turn was the fear that the Government may withdraw next week from the cash wheat market.

Wheat closed 3 1/4 to 6 1/4 lower. May \$2.18 1/2-\$2.19; July \$1.92 1/4-\$1.93 1/4; September \$1.92 1/2-\$1.93; December \$1.94 1/2-\$1.95.

Corn was two to 3 1/2 lower. May \$1.33 1/4-\$1.34. Oats were 3 1/2-4 1/2 lower. May 66 1/2-\$67. Soybeans were 2 1/2-4 1/2 lower. May \$2.22 1/2-\$2.23.—Associated Press.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

S.S. Iaurdania, Thursday. The passenger shut in Suite 40 and 42 on the main deck is Ernest Bevin.

He spends most of his time in his cabin, and for the first three days of the voyage never moved outside.

As soon as the New York police in a shoe-horned him aboard, the last gaffer had been removed from the corridor, Mr. Bevin locked his door and went to bed.

Officials Barred. He said he was "dog-tired, exhausted," and refused to see high officials or anyone else.

Not until next day did he come into the fresh air and venture out to the decks.

The Foreign Secretary is a weary but happy man, full of life, striding through the lounge in silver fox fur and great clusters of pink orchids.

Lady Elsie Mendel holds court here. Frail, dripping with jewels, and the oldest person aboard, she is the grande dame and social queen.

One of the fastest men on earth, 357 m.p.h.—lives here too. Captain George Eyston, the racing motorist and oil man, who blinks like an owl through his glasses and says: "The racing slogan when he was a picket himself."

Today the Foreign Secretary lumbered along the promenade deck shepherded by one Scotland Yard man and three aides, all ex-quite Oxford-toned young men.

He watched table tennis games, said he needed similar games, to get down his bulk. He was very amiable and signed a couple of autographs.

He said this was the only day he'd had for years.

Dispatch Boxes. Actually it's no holiday. Mr. Bevin's cabin is littered with red leather dispatch boxes and Government papers. He's working hard on a report to Parliament.

Mr. Bevin is willing to talk to anyone about anything—but only off the record.

He rejects questions concerning his health—insists he's fine and good for many years.

His only social relaxation has been drinks with the ship's master, Captain Ivan Thompson.

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Near to Bevin is Gracie Fields and her husband, Monty Banks. Gracie is as sprightly as a firefly and as Lancashire as hot-pot. I've spent a lot of time with her.

Five Homes. Gracie, who loves to be called Grace, says: "Lad, ah'm thinking of retiring. I've got five homes, and all end up in I house of friends."

Her favourite's that at Capri. I want to settle there, lad, and have a restaurant, but no concerts—nowt like that. Ah'll do it washing-up.

"Aye, I want to retire, but I probably won't. I've allus been a worrier and am warying now about new songs and material for this British tour. Theatres, not night-clubs like 'Persian Room' at Plaza in New York, are my meat."

"British audiences are best— and Lancashire audiences 't best of 'em. 'Ave another drink, luv."

Gracie is travelling on an Italian passport, although her husband, tubby, generous Monty Banks, who keeps handing out miniature pen and pencil sets as presents, is now an American citizen.

Gracie plans to get back her British citizenship and passport; says: "It's right daff for a Lancashire lass to be travelling under a Wop's passport."

Never Winces. Her husband never winces when she refers to Wops and ice-cream sellers.

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and a chamber; and the dazzling redheaded ballet dancer Marilyn Hightower, my favourite passenger.

Also aboard are six delegates of the Anglo-American Productivity Council, including Sir Peter Bennett, not making much news that I can discern, but enthusiastic about the success of their trip.

Ideal Weather. It is a pleasant voyage—ideal weather, the sky bright blue, the sea as tranquil as the Serpentine. We are carrying 800 passengers—not the flashy free-spending over-dressed crowd you often see in the Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary, but solid British types, soft-voiced, well-mannered, and very anxious to get back home.

Even in mid-Atlantic there are signs of the recession. Not many champagne corks pop in the mirrored dining-room. Gambling on the ship's run and even the horse races and bingo games in the main lounge is subdued.

The captain of the Mauretania is a Lancashire man, and I see him often. He is the greatest expert nift on sport and a passionate Liverpool fan.

When I put in a mild word for Preston North End he reminded me I'd tipped them for the Cup or League championship last year, and now they're at the foot of the First Division.

Rationing Talk. Captain Thompson is on a diet. A passenger sent him a book titled "Man Alive, You're Half Dead."

So is my old friend Chief Steward Walker Wilson. So is Purser E. D. Rendell. But passengers are dieting. They cram themselves with food and talk about rationing in Britain.

For myself, I just count the hours until we dock at Southampton on Friday.

Jap Constitution Won't Be Changed

Washington, April 29.

The Far Eastern Commission yesterday surveyed the new Japanese Constitution and decided it will not issue a new policy directive regarding the document.

Commission members said there are not sufficient reasons for changes to warrant a new directive.

Under a Commission policy decision dated October 17, 1946, the Commission agreed to review the constitution within two years after it has been adopted. This period ends on May 3.

The Commission has been considering the constitution for several weeks. While the Commission is not making a policy decision about it or a public statement concerning it, the Commission feels that it has discharged its obligation to review the document.

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Its 1946 draft reserved the right to make further reviews indefinitely.

The Commission referred the matter to member governments for expressions of opinion on the constitution after the document has been in effect for two years. After these expressions have been received and studied by the Commission, they will probably be forwarded to General Douglas MacArthur for his information.

During yesterday's session, the Commission also considered agrarian reform in Japan. The agency is highly in favour of measures already carried out by SCAP in this regard.

If the Commission acts, it is likely that any document it issues will consist primarily of approving what SCAP has already done and suggesting that these policies be continued.—Associated Press.

Iron Curtain Round U.S. China Policy

Washington, April 28.

Senator William Knowland today said that the States Department has erected an iron curtain around United States policy toward China and renewed his demand for speeding the investigation of U.S. foreign policy in the Far East.

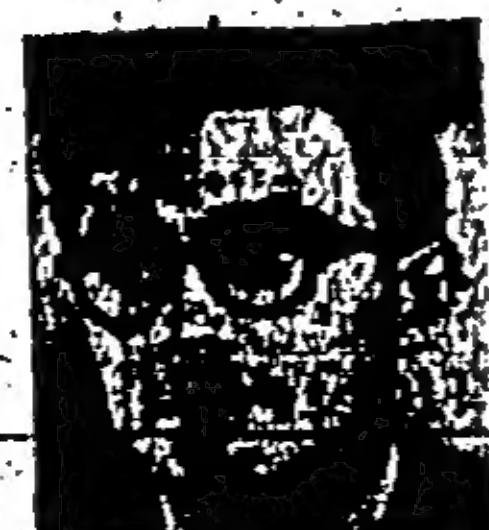
Senator Knowland read to the Senate a letter to the Foreign Committee chairman, Senator Tom Connally, in which Mr. Knowland asked for hearings as soon as possible on his resolution to establish a special Senate committee to look into the China situation.

Senator Knowland told Senator Connally: "In view of the rapid deterioration of the situation in China, it does not seem to me that this country can any longer postpone establishment of constructive policy with respect to the Far East."

He also said that to wait until the dust settles likely to result in the Communist conquest of all Asia.

He added that no member of Congress has seen the report on China made by Mr. Henry Wallace after his 1944 Chinese mission as Vice-President.

He dismissed reports that 60 per cent or more of the military aid the United States has sent to China has fallen into the hands of the Chinese Communists as one example of the loose talk in which the attempt to aid the Government of China has been sabotaged by those who should know better.—United Press.

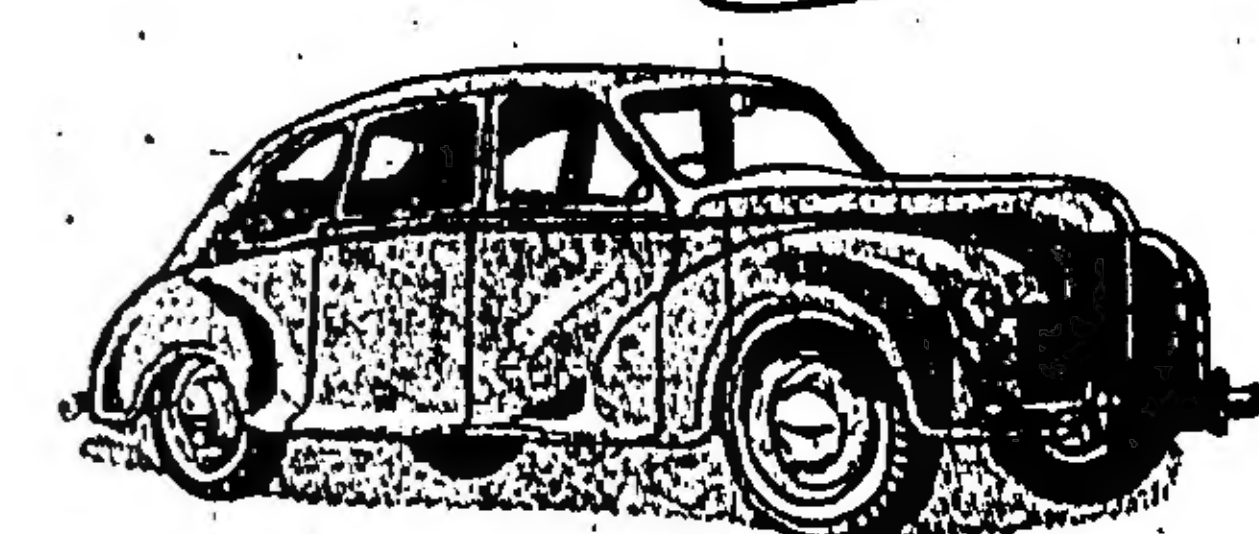


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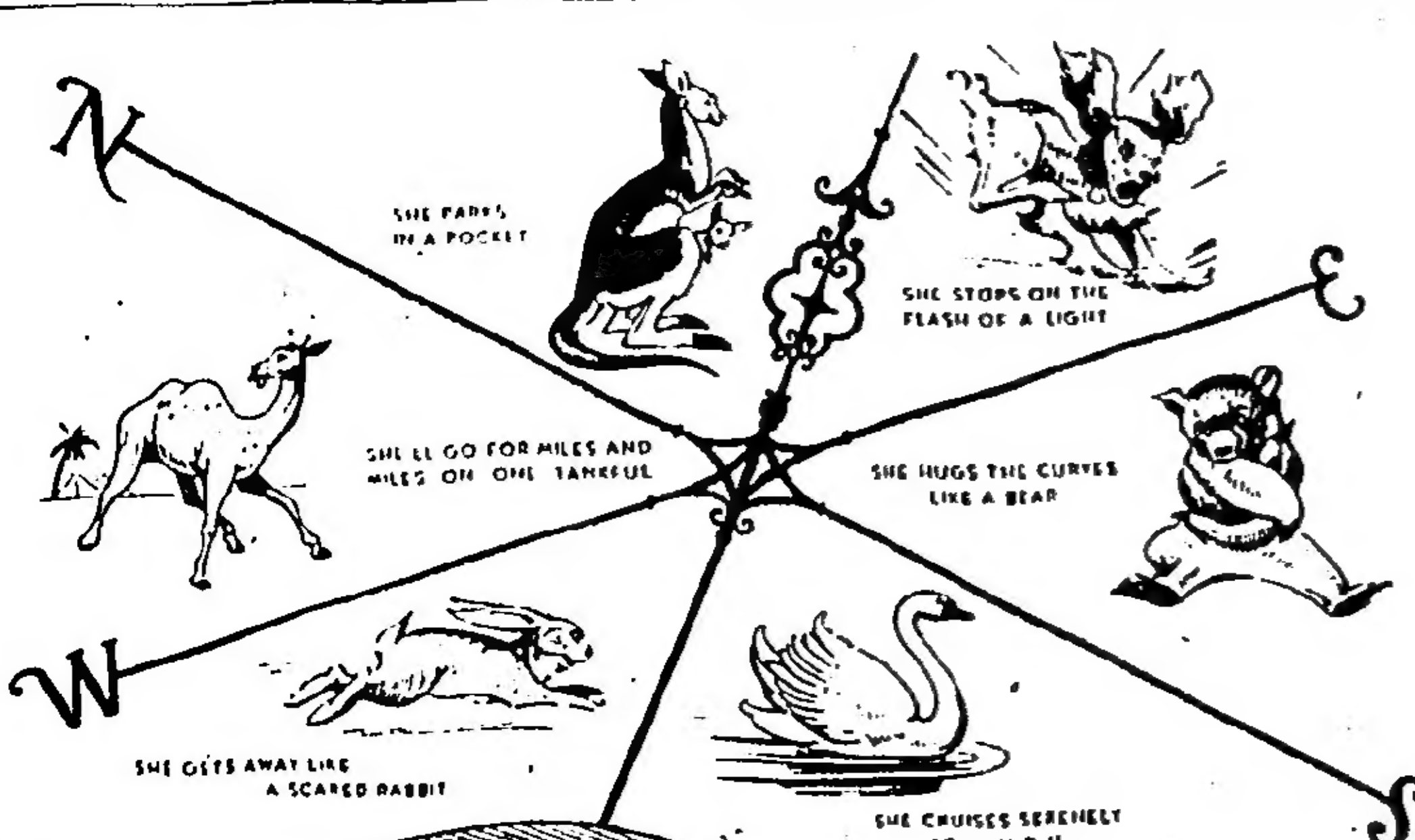
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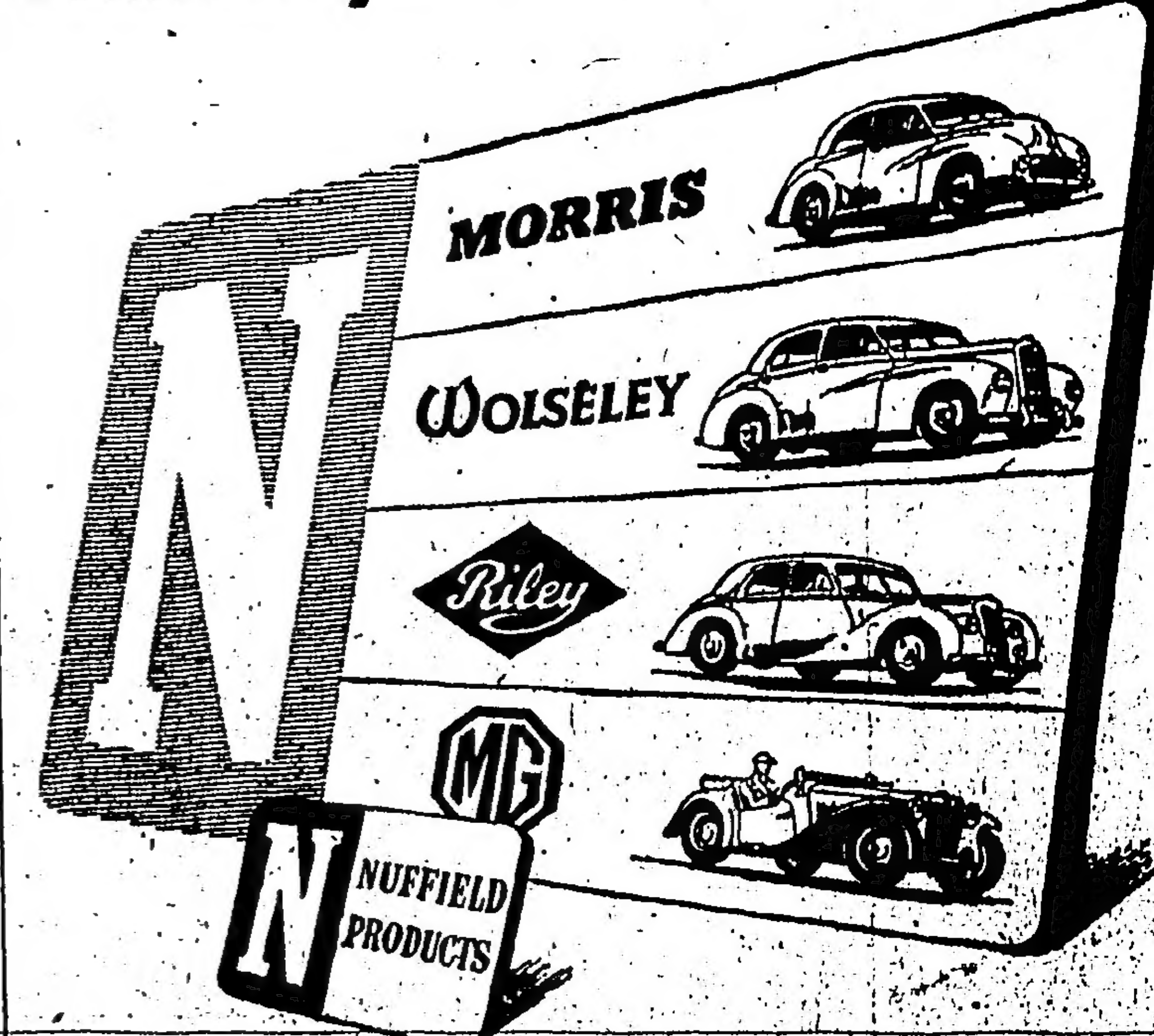
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BALANCE SWINGING TO WORLD PEACE

Washington, April 28.

The growing opposition of the non-Communist world is swinging the balance towards the forces favouring peaceful progress.

The chief United States delegate to the United Nations, Mr. Warren Austin, said this today to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussing the Atlantic Pact.

Mr. Austin said the pact is a shield under which United Nations purposes can be more rapidly achieved in the North Atlantic area.

"He certainly did not conceive that the Soviet Union would so brazenly violate the solemn Charter pledge to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of other States," he said.

While most of the world is seeking to build a system of collective security, the Soviet Union seeks security through territorial aggrandisement," he added.

This feudalistic conception of security had thrown its black mantle over the country after country in Eastern Europe.

Only decisive action by the United Nations, supported effectively by the United States, had prevented Persia, Greece and Korea from being drawn into the shadows.

Mr. Austin said the increasing unity of the non-Soviet world is being demonstrated in the United Nations. Two years ago, there had been a widespread tendency to regard major differences simply as a conflict of interests between the United States and Russia.

The actions and the attitude of the Soviet Union inside and outside the United Nations have altered the situation," Mr. Austin said. "Today, most major issues are recognised as a conflict between the Communist areas and the rest of the world."

The United States is assisting in a great co-operative effort because they know that a healthy Europe is a strong force for peace and a vital element in a strong United Nations.

The Republican Doubts

The treaty would not take the place of, or weaken, the United Nations, he added. It would not mean a resumption of the practice of setting up a power equilibrium. It could lift the cause of peace above any level yet attained.

Mr. Austin spoke out as two Republican leaders expressed new doubt about the pact. Senator Robert Taft and the

Senator Republican leader, Kenneth Wherry, declared that Mr. Dean Acheson (U.S. Secretary of State) made it clear that the Senators backing the Atlantic pact must vote to help rearm Europe. Senator Taft said: "I don't know how I will vote on the whole business."—Reuter and United Press.

HK. Visitors To BIF

The Hong Kong visitors to the British Industries Fair are sight seeing London and are making preliminary business contacts, it was officially stated yesterday.

The Hong Kong stand at Earl's Court is being erected while the 16 tons of exhibits despatched on the Corfu in March are being unpacked in the office of Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, the Hong Kong Government agent in London, for Customs examination.

Official Notices, Appointment

Mr. Cedric Blaker has been appointed to be temporarily an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

Dr. Frank Richard Ashton has been appointed to be a member of the Court of the University of Hong Kong with effect from April 14.

Professor Gordon King, Dr. Wong Tze-chuen, Dr. Alberto Marie Rodriguez, Miss Leung Sheng-chi and Miss Bessie Thom have been appointed to be members of the Midwives Board for a term of three years, with effect from May 1.

Professor Gordon King, Dr. James William Anderson, Dr. Li Tsou-yiu, Dr. Edward Wickham Jucyow Sun and Mr. Donald Brittan Evan have been appointed members of the Medical Board for a further term of three years with effect from May 1.

Dr. Douglas Laing, Dr. Phoon Sock-wah, Dr. Kwong Sek-lung and Mr. Wan Han-shing have been appointed to be members of the Dental Board for a term of three years with effect from May 1.

Mr. Leroy Eugene Milligan has been recognised as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hong Kong.

Mr. Ivan Bernard Trevor has been appointed to be Assistant Commissioner of the Hong Kong District, St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, with effect from January 20.

The Hong Kong University (Medical Degrees) Order-in-Council came into operation yesterday.

The head of the University of Hong Kong Medical Degrees Emergency Committee having come to an end, the Order-in-Council constituting it has been revoked.

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Bao Dai in Indochina

Paris, April 28.
Press despatches today reported that Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, arrived by plane today in Daiat, French Indochina, where he was met by the Ministers of the Vietnamese Government and Leon Pignon, French High Commissioner of Indochina.

Bao Dai is flying to Saigon to head the French-sponsored Indochina Government in opposition to the Vietnam Government under Communist-aided Ho Chi-minh.—United Press.

70 DEAD IN RAIL CRASH

Johannesburg, April 28.
Seventy, including two Europeans, were killed today in a crash involving three trains on the main line eight miles West of Johannesburg.

Another 48 passengers are in hospital and 45 others are known to have been injured. After one train had been stopped by a signal outside a station, a second derailed behind it. An express then crashed into the rear of the second train, plunging through it and telescoping it into the first. Parts of the telescoped coaches had to be cut away with acetylene torches.

One injured woman had a leg amputated by a physician using a pocket knife sterilised in the flame of matches. Many native children, travelling to school in the third train, had remarkable escapes, one being thrown clear through a window.

Fireman and police toiled desperately to free the trapped passengers while 8,000 natives gathered to watch the rescue operations. Hundreds of persons rushed to the scene to answer an appeal for blood donors.

As the injured were extricated they were rushed to stretchers so that they could be carried to the top of the steep embankment on which the crash occurred.—Reuter.

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SABOTAGE INCREASES IN POLISH INDUSTRY

Warsaw, April 29. The Polish Government claims that all basic industries still are exceeding monthly production targets, but apparently all is not well behind the scenes. Trials of factory directors and managers for "economic sabotage" are becoming more frequent.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market this week has been the plaything of disordered nerves. There are no tangible reasons for the manner in which shares have been dumped of which the holder type of buyer has taken advantage. A fair quantity of the more popular counters has been absorbed but at a price which is not warranted by the current fortunes of the companies.

Embargo On Parcels To North China

London, April 29. An embargo on parcels to Manchuria and parts of North China was imposed yesterday by the British Post Office. Postal services will be restricted to unregistered letters and post cards, the announcement said.

FOREIGN TRADE DROP IN U.S.

Washington, April 29. United States foreign trade dropped again in February, as it did in January, the Census Bureau says.

India-Pakistan Customs Union?

New Delhi, April 29. India's Commerce Minister envisaged the possibility of a customs union with Pakistan in the near future. K. C. Neogy, the Minister, said economic union would be the ideal solution but the time is not ripe for it.

Money Market

A renewed rush to buy US dollars again pushed the price up yesterday, and at the close of the market it was up to HK\$10.13. The opening quotation was HK\$9.99, compared with \$8 the previous afternoon.

IRANIAN OIL

London, April 29. The Iranian Ambassador, Mr. Rahn, conferred last night with the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, on negotiations for a new agreement between Iran and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

GRAIN GLUT

Washington, April 29. The United States is on the verge of a glut conditions, according to reports reaching the Agriculture Department on the eve of the winter wheat harvest.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 29. The stock market slipped downward under languid selling. Only 770,000 shares changed hands. Of 950 issues traded, 516 lost and 228 gained. Steel issues were generally lower. Traders were generally quiet.

NY COTTON

New York, April 29. Cotton futures closed 85 to US\$1.40 lower. The sharp decline in grains and absence of export developments encourage selling. There was some hesitancy pending announcement of mid April parity today (Friday).

SHIP MOVEMENTS

Seattle, April 29. The steamer "Lion", George W. Boyce sailed for Yokohama. Los Angeles; Helen Lykes sailed for Kobe.

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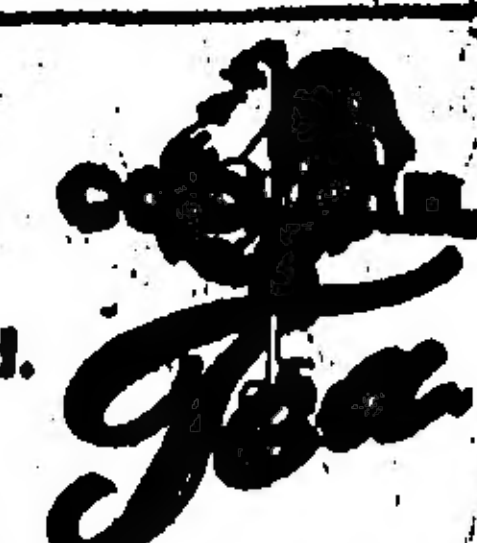


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Battle Of Giants Tomorrow

(By "ROVER")

A "battle of giants" is expected at Boundary Street tomorrow when Kowloon Motor Bus entertain Kit Chee in a First Division soccer game, the result of which will in all probability decide the runners-up position.

Kowloon Motor Bus are one point ahead of their nearest rivals, Chinese Athletic, with the same number of games played. A win for the busmen tomorrow will assure them of the runners-up position, whereas a draw, provided Chinese Athletic also win their match against Eastern today, will necessitate a play-off.

The best match on the programme this afternoon should be that between St. Joseph's and Royal Navy on the Club Ground at Happy Valley.

The Navy, although holding practically a new line-up last week, caused a big upset by holding the formidable Chinese Athletic XI to a goal-less draw at Boundary Street.

If the sailors can field the same team for today's game and the players reproduce the form which they displayed against Athletic, the chances are that they will beat the Saints.

South China "A" fresh from their runaway win over IAF last week, will be at home to Police. South China "B" will not find the Police such an easy proposition, however, and indications point to another victory for the guardians of the law, who beat their opponents by four goals to two at Boundary Street recently.

RAF, who suffered a very heavy defeat of late, will again be up against it when they meet South China "A" at Soekunpoo tomorrow.

While a win for South China "A" is a foregone conclusion, it is not likely that the Air Force will find themselves equipped with an avalanche of goals, as South China "A" are not inclined to prolific scoring.

That experience has shown that just as soon as South China "A" have made a sure of the game, they start indulging in an orgy of pattern weaving instead of attempting to score.

The following is the week-end programme—

Today:
FIRST DIVISION
Eastern v. C.A.A. Caroline Hill, 6 p.m.
Refer: J. Ward; Line-up: A. Lock and R. Brown.

Kowloon v. Club: Boundary Street, 6 p.m.; Refer: A.P. Willis; Line-up: M. Dinkins and H. Richardson.
St. Joseph's v. Royal Navy: Club Ground, 6 p.m.; Refer: W. Goffey; Line-up: R. Brown and P.P. Li.

SECOND DIVISION
Kit Chee v. Army-HK: Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.; Refer: A. Lock.
C.A.A. v. South China "B": Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.; Refer: L. Hing-tong.
P.C.A. v. Army-HK: "A", 4.30 p.m.; Refer: L. Hing-tong.
St. Joseph's v. South China "A": Club, 4.30 p.m.; Refer: A.P. Gwai.

Tomorrow
FIRST DIVISION
K.M.H. v. Kit Chee: Boundary Street, 6 p.m.; Refer: Capt. Chinnell; Line-up: W. Gibson and R. Richardson.
South China "B" v. Police: Caroline Hill, 6 p.m.; Refer: R.M. Omar; Line-up: P.A. Barretto and S.Y. Kwok.
RAF v. Eastern: W. Goffey v. Boundary Street, 6 p.m.; Refer: Capt. Stone; Line-up: Pte. Collins and Sgt. Manson.

SECOND DIVISION
Talkies v. Club: Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.; Refer: P.A. Barretto.
Tramways v. Police: Soekunpoo, 4.30 p.m.; Refer: Pte. Collins.
K.M.H. v. Eastern: W. Goffey v. Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.; Refer: Capt. Stone.

SOCCER GAME CANCELLED
Owing to injuries the Club have been obliged to cancel the 2nd Division soccer game with Talkies on Sunday.

The 1st XI line-up for the game with Kwong Wah at Boundary Street today is now: Catto, Fowler, Strange, Weller, Forrow, Beck, Barclay, McKay, Henderson, Kiernan, Baker. Kick-off: 6.00 p.m.

Entries For Tennis Leagues

That entries would be invited for seven tennis leagues this year, was decided at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association held yesterday in the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo, Alexandra Building.

If sufficient entries are received from Clubs, the minimum being four, the leagues to be run are A, B and C Divisions for Men, A and B Divisions for Mixed, and A and B for Ladies.

Entries will close on May 10, and the first league games will be played on May 24.

In the absence of Mr. H. Owen-Hughes, who is away on leave, Mr. Lo Man-wai, the Vice-President, took the chair.

Minutes of the last General Meeting and Report and Accounts for the year were unanimously accepted.

The following were elected office-bearers for the coming year:

President: Mr. H. Owen-Hughes (re-elected).
Vice-President: Mr. Daniel Chan (re-elected).

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Ho Ka-lau (re-elected).
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. A. Noronha (re-elected).

Committee: Mr. J. W. Leonard (re-elected).
Mr. O. R. Sandick (re-elected).
Mr. E. A. J. Hancock.

It was decided that seven leagues as mentioned be run this year, if there are sufficient entries.

Proposed by Mr. H. A. Noronha and seconded by Mr. O. R. Sandick, the motion "that where a Club should enter two or more teams in the same division, those teams should be considered as opponents and their players should not be interchangeable" was adopted.

The meeting also passed a resolution that Clubs affiliated to the Association will begin this year pay an annual affiliation fee of \$20 each.

A suggestion was made by Mr. H. A. Noronha that should a Club have more than one team in the league season nominate the type of court it will use throughout the league. This was carried by the meeting.

Mr. Capell brought up the question of clubs postponing their matches due to their inability of raising their teams. He said under the Rules, postponements are only allowed on account of bad weather.

Meeting decided that Club should in future adhere strictly to this rule.

At the conclusion of the meeting, an unanimous vote of thanks to the Acting Chairman Mr. Lo Man-wai for presiding at the meeting and use of his office, was passed.

Present were Capt. R. F. Crichton (HQI F), A. J. Doyle (RAF) (KCC), A. V. White (KCC), E. J. D. Macle (HKCC), T. F. Cooper (LRC), J. W. Leonard (USRC), Capt. A. J. Hancock (USRC), Lee Wai-tung (USRC), O. R. Sandick (USRC), George Lin (Kowloon Tong), Albert Chan (South China), A. H. Noronha (Recreo), D. M. A. Razaek (IRC), J. W. Leonard (USRC), Ho Ka-lau (Secretary), G. A. Noronha (Treasurer).

School Football League

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1949
Senior Division
La Salle v. Queen's, Club grd. 11.00 a.m.

Junior Division
Wantsai (pm) vs. Wah Ying, St. Joseph's 10.00 a.m.
A-Chinese (am) vs. Wantsai (pm), St. Joseph's, 11.00 a.m.
A-Chinese (am) vs. Queen's Club, 10.00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1949
Senior Division
Queen's v. Diocesan, Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.
Ying Wah v. Yau-mall, Navy, 4.00 p.m.

Junior Division
A-Chinese (am) vs. Wantsai (pm), St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1949
Senior Division
Ying Wah v. Wah Ying, Army, 11.00 a.m.

MOONDAY, MAY 9, 1949
Senior Division
La Salle v. St. Joseph's, St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.

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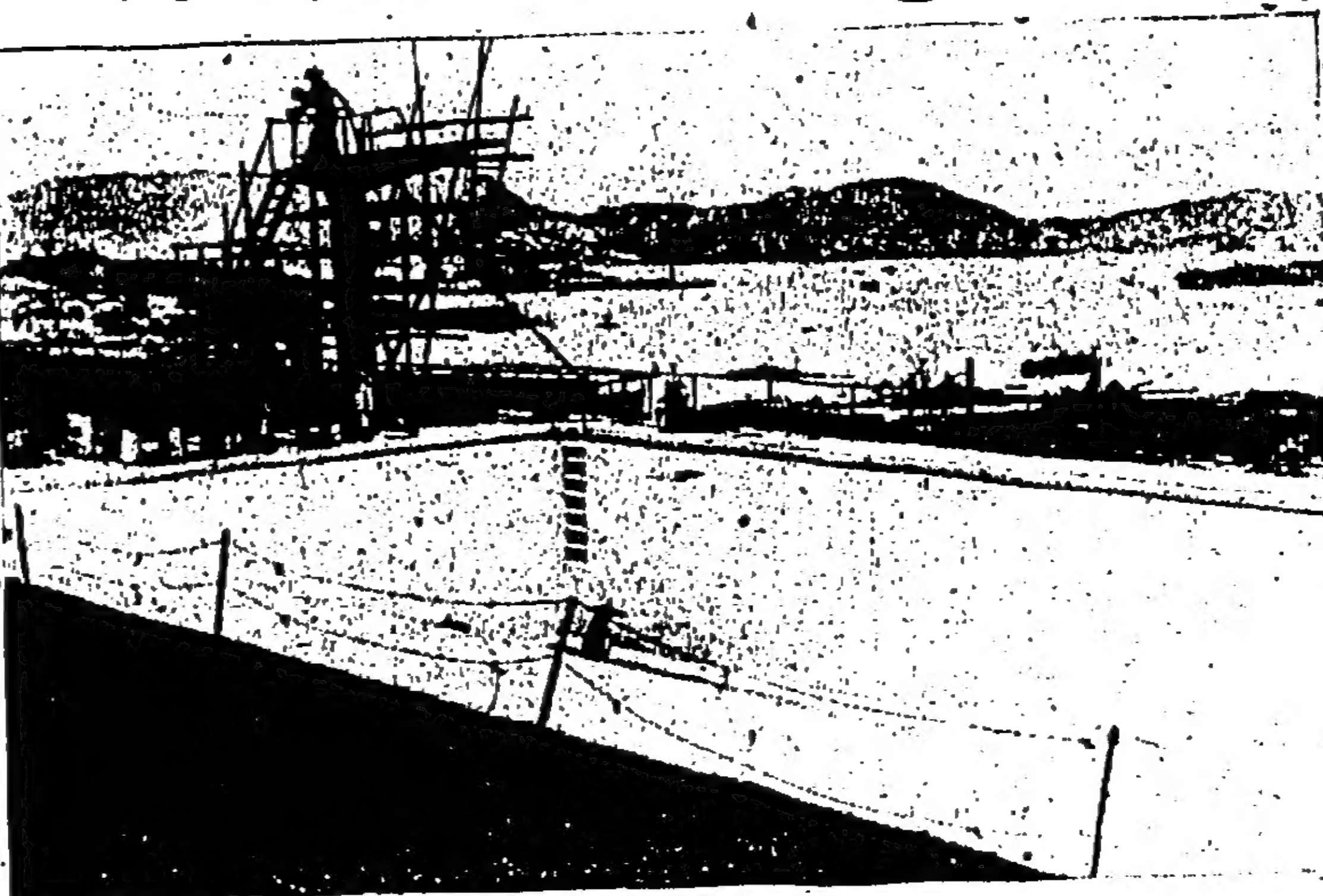
TEERING OFF TIMES

OLD COURSE, SUNDAY, MAY 1
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BASKETBALL

Following are the results of basketball games played at the Chinese YMCA:
Wah Yan 78, O.A. 27
Yu Choy 77, Fong Lam 29

A New Swimming Pool



The Ladies Recreation Club's brand new \$150,000 swimming pool is due for its initiation at 3.30 this afternoon. The opening ceremony will include a diving and swimming exhibitions by reigning Colony champions. Among those taking part will be Lionel Rosa-Pereira (fancy diving), Wilfred Lawrence, and Gerry Rosa-Pereira and the Anderson sisters.

—("China Mail" Photo).

Shell Beats APL At Softball

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Shell continued their winning streak in the Inter-Hong Softball League by shelling APL Hurler Eddie Carmo for 14 blows to register a 22-7 triumph in a mid-week game.

Winning slabster Chappie Remedios fanned six Eagles and walked three, while Eddie Carmo passed eight to first base when he failed to locate the plate.

The Oilers started off with a three run spurge when Kitchee clouted a single while Gutteres walked. Bill "Two-ton" Howard then smacked a rousing two bagger for two.

Markers and dented the rubber when Dick Silva poled out a safety.

The Eagles replied with a lone tally and were blanked in the next frame while Shell added two more runs.

Shell's hitting power came to the fore again in the third when our runs crossed the plate on timely hits by Tony Mend and Chappie Remedios.

The Oilers were "bit innings" for the Oilers as they batted around in both innings to chalk up 10 runs, featuring distance clouts by Spiky Gutteres, Chappie Remedios and Hal Winglee.

Last Ditch Rally
In the bottom half of the sixth, APL staged a last ditch rally by crossing the pay-off station with four markers when they had the hassocks choked twice in the same semester.

In the final frame the Oilers clinched matters with a three-run uprising and hurler Chappie Remedios really lightened the screws when he had APL left gardener Walton on three pitches.

Bridge bounced out for the second enure and Gaspar "Gabby" Remedios moved up to the plate in the batting order.

The first pitch was a perfect strike and Gabby only managed to disturb the air. The second pitch was fouled for strike two. Gabby passed up a floater for ball one, but on the next pitch Chappie Remedios had the ball fouled for strike three.

Gabby fouled his hands, and the ball fell ignominiously on a dumpy.

Scoring prodigy Eddie Loureiro recorded three safeties by each of Hucklai Kitchell, Hal Winglee and Chappie Remedios; both Kitchell and Remedios also cleared a triple apiece to their credit.

To take-over, Hal Winglee and a double in his four trips to the plate.

No Mid-Week Games
In view of the Association's reluctance to arrange Hong games for mid-week play-off although requested by all the players concerned, a full three game programme will be played off tomorrow as usual.

Shell will be faced with a serious challenge from Stauvao in the feature game at 11 a.m. Alvaro Omand's Pegasusmen suffered a surprise setback in the opening game of the popular loop when they fell victims to a strong Gibb side.

In this crucial tilt, Luigi Gokomo has been assigned to take-over, playing duties for the Flying Horsemen against Shell's Chappie Remedios.

Flash HMC's "Crescent" is back in town again and before they meet Charlie Figueredo's Portuguese nine next week an exhibition game has been assigned to take-over, playing duties for the Flying Horsemen against Shell's Chappie Remedios.

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Kowloon Cricket Club Fixtures

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, one or two alterations have had to be made in the Kowloon Cricket Club fixtures and now the following matches are down to be played as under:

SATURDAY, APRIL 30:
R. Griffiths vs. A. V. White.
Mrs. Lo and Wiggins vs. Miss Figueredo and A. E. P. Guest.

SUNDAY, MAY 1:
W. Gillies and A. V. White vs. J. Riddale and C. S. Rolfe.
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. White vs. Mr. and Mrs. J. Horsman.

MONDAY, MAY 2:
Miss Ribeiro vs. Winner Mrs. M. Leblans and Miss Lambert Baker.

TUESDAY, MAY 3:
R. S. Capell and W. A. Nicholas vs. Winner Fincher/Cowie and Egan/Toller.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 5:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 6:
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SATURDAY, MAY 7:
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SUNDAY, MAY 8:
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MONDAY, MAY 9:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 10:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 12:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 13:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

SATURDAY, MAY 14:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

SUNDAY, MAY 15:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

MONDAY, MAY 16:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

TUESDAY, MAY 17:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

THURSDAY, MAY 19:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

FRIDAY, MAY 20:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

SATURDAY, MAY 21:
Mrs. B. Lo Litton and E. C. Fincher vs. Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow.

Philadelphia Bows To Boston, 12-5

New York, April 29.

Ted Williams clouted his first homer of the season and batted in five runs to lead Boston in a 12-5 win over Philadelphia in the American League.

Southpaw Mickey Harris was credited with the victory although slugged for 11 hits.

Lefty Ed Lopat pitched New York to a 6-2 decision over Washington, hurling a shutout the first seven frames. It was Lopat's third straight win.

Despite a four run homer by Johnny Groth, the St. Louis Browns still managed to salvage a 9-6 verdict over Detroit. The Browns clubbed four Tiger pitchers for 16 hits.

Pitcher Bob Malloy, in a relief role, got credit for the win. In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers trounced New York 16-2, clouting 19 hits, including three homers, off five Giant pitchers.

Ralph Branca held the Giants to four hits. Boston shelled three Philadelphia pitchers for 10 hits and a 6 to 1 decision. Earl Torgeson slammed his fourth homer of the season with one abroad in the fourth.

Brooklyn and Boston are tied for the League lead. St. Louis noded out Pittsburgh 5-2 as Al Brazle kept eight hits well spaced and struck out four. The Cards also got eight hits, but made them count.

Ken Rinfensberger out duelled Walt Duda and Dwin Sloan to give Cincinnati a 2-0 shutout of Chicago.

SOORES:
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Philadelphia 8 11 1
Boston 12 12 1
Winning pitcher Mickey Harris, loser Sheldon Jones.

New York 6 11 3
Washington 2 8 1
Winning pitcher Ed Lopat, loser Rae Scarborough.

St. Louis 9 15 0
Detroit 6 6 0
Winning pitcher Bob Malloy, loser Lou Rogovin.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn 15 19 0
New York 2 4 2
Winning pitcher Ralph Branca, loser Sheldon Jones.

Boston 6 10 2
Philadelphia 1 4 1
Winning pitcher Vern Bickford, loser Johnny Thompson.

Pittsburgh 2 8 0
St. Louis 4 8 0
Winning pitcher Al Brazle, loser Vic Lombardi.

Cincinnati 2 6 0
Chicago 0 7 2
Winning pitcher Ken Rinfensberger, loser Walt Dubiel.—Associated Press.

1956 OLYMPIC IN MELBOURNE

The 1956 Olympic Games will be held in Melbourne, Australia. This decision was made by the International Olympic Committee when after a secret ballot Melbourne received 21 votes to Buenos Aires 20.

This will be the first time that the Olympic Games have been held in Australia, while Italy has never before organised the Winter Olympiad, which will be held in Cortina-Ampezzo.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

The results of soccer games played tonight were:
Third Division, Southern: Newport County 0, Aldershot 2; 2nd 2, Leyton Orient 3.

Third Division, North: Tranmere Rovers 2, Darlington 1.—Reuter.

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For dangerous play and fighting on the field during the South China A.A. and Kowloon Motor Bus Second Division Soccer match on April 29, Tam Ka-tsun (KMB) and Chui Tak-wing (South China) were suspended by the Emergency Sub-Committee of the HKFA until September 1950 at a meeting held last night.

Programme For The Week
INTER-HONG LEAGUE
Tomorrow at CMA Ground
11.00 a.m.—Shell v. Biscuits
2.00 p.m.—APL v. Gibb
2.15 p.m.—Macle v. Catter
RESERVATION GAMES
Sunday at Biscuits Ground
1.30 p.m.—Gutteres v. Louie.

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